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Miss. House, Boston
June 1. 1861.

Rev. A. Wright
Seneca.

Dear Brother

Dr. S. M. Worcester called to see me last week, & showed me a letter which he had rec.d from you in respect to our Father. I had begun to fear that the case was a bad one; but the letter of yours seems to settle the question. And yet I find it very difficult to admit the appalling truth.

The thought has been much upon my mind, "What ought the Prud. Comm.ee to do?" They released, with Mr B. in ignorance of what had taken place; then, before the final payment, they requested you to visit Allegany. On receiving your report they did not hesitate to pay the amt that Mr B. consented to take in lieu of a larger sum. They made clearer work with the place than we anticipated; that fact I have not liked.

Thus the case stood till the recent report. What is to be done now. (1) Ought we not to ask that the property (money & chattels) which he carried away sh.d be restored? In other words, should he not stand as he would have stood, had we dismissed him in disgrace? He obtained the money by false pretences.

some sort. Should he not make as good his [illegible] Is there not a duty to Reformers in regard to his ecclesiastical position? They left us with clean papers & most strongly Michigan with the prestige of a missionary. Is it not our duty to destroy that prestige? Should we not say to the world that since he left us we have discovered facts connected with his missionary life which would have led to a dismission in disgrace? I am a little troubled just here.

On the other hand, there are serious objections to any public announcement. I suppose that innocent parties & families might be involved, much against their wishes, in the eventual disclosure. The character of our missionaries would suffer. The cause of Christ would suffer. What grievousness.

In view of all the circumstances it has occurred to me that we might write to Mr P. & insist upon him (1) to refund what he rec'd after his release, & (2) to deny the ministry, i.e. give you a pledge that he would not exercise the sacred office any more. It has seemed to me moreover, that if he would do these two things we should be justified in remaining silent.

I have not consulted the Com'e & I don't wish to do it now. I will take the responsibility of asking you to pursue this course (if you & Bro Wood shall think well of it) & I will satisfy the Com'e if I can.

In regard to the feeling of others: they dread very naturally a public exposure; & I suppose that they will not ask any money. They feel very strongly that Mr. C. ought not to be a minister, & that he ought not to have rec'd so much money from the Board. If you obtain the two concessions above mentioned, I presume they will be silent.

I trust that you & the Board will consider this matter carefully & see what your wisdom can devise. It will speak to you of the expediency of our continuing our work at Allegany any longer. We have a very sad prospect in the matter of funds & must save every where. Our money does not seem to have accomplished as much on that long crooked & exposed Reservation as especially in Cattaraugus.

Of course we [illegible] want as much done there as possible.

Affectionately & respectfully to all.

Very fraternally

S. B. Treat

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opinion [illegible] that he does

see more clearly [illegible] other. If he be

willing to get his support from [illegible]

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else; but if he is not willing, I would advise not to send

any one else there at present. This can be explained

to those who desire a new missionary. Our funds for

now will not justify the expense of two missions.

Very fraternally etc A. B. Tris

Miss. House Bost

June 1. '61.

Rev. G. W. Wood
Corr. Sec.

Dear Bro.

My engagements this week have kept me from writing to you in regard to your visit to the Senecas till to-day; & now I fear that a letter sent to New York will not reach you. Hence I send a few words to Cattaraugus.

I have written to Mr Wright in the case of Mr Porter. He will show you the letter, & you will see that I think well of the plan which I have suggested. I hope Mr W. will not hesitate to send him at once. P. has abused the confidence of the Brethren & behaved most shamefully.

I have read Mr Gleason's letter; & I formed my opinion before. He is partly correct; but he sees one side more clearly than he does the other. If Mr B is willing to get his support from the Indian Agency, I should be in favor of sending Torrey or some one else; but if he is not willing, we ought not to send any one else there at present. This can be explained to those who desire a new missionary. Our funds just now will not justify the expense of two missionaries.

Very fraternally yr S. B. Treat

In fact I am so much oppressed by our financial state that I have asked Bro. Wood to confer with Messrs. Knight & Pierce as to giving up Miss. House at Boston [illegible] the Allegheny Res. I am going to try & see the Messrs. [illegible] [illegible] very likely to be in straits. Rochester attempts to break in upon our native agency at [illegible] Bro. will be very sad.

I rejoice that Providence [illegible] of the 10th of April I did not answer that once, because I could not [illegible] know whether Bro. Wood could visit Catt. He has sent [illegible] to him of May 28. [illegible] this week. We will take much of the [illegible] of the matter at Catt. [illegible] I think that some one is needed besides [illegible] Knight, especially [illegible] the [illegible] of the orphans [illegible] the financial question [illegible] We cannot [illegible] at Catt. [illegible] of [illegible] to throw [illegible] I can send no one else [illegible] that place. [illegible] is inevitable

In fact. I am so much oppressed by our financial state that I have asked Bro Wood to confer with Messrs. Wright & Pierce as to giving up our operations on the Allegheny Res. I am sorry to raise the question; but we are likely to be in straits. If we are obliged to break in upon our native agency abroad, it will be very sad.

I rejoice that Providence has given you to find a shelter before the storm has come upon us. You ought to be grateful that the Lord has cared for you after this fashion. May he do it always. And I trust that he will give you a field of usefulness adapted to your "gifts & graces". It is a great thing for us, as we grow old, to have a quiet sphere of labor, where we can live comfortably & yet do something for Christ. I often look out upon the "calm retreat", & wish myself there. But the Lord will lead us safely; & so let us trust him to the end!

Affect. regards to Mrs. S. & family

Fraternally yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
[illegible] 1[illegible]

Rev. A. Wright
Cattaraugus.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 13th I have rec'd & the [illegible] Mr. [illegible] has visited us. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

1. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] which he [illegible].

2. I doubt whether Mr. [illegible] is the man. He [illegible] He has taught among the Indians; but he did not succeed very well. He lacks energy, education, & I [illegible] good [illegible]. Still I will learn more [illegible] to him.

3. We are pleased with Mr. [illegible], though [illegible] nothing. Perhaps I may visit him at some time.

4. I fear that I shall not be able to go with you to [illegible] Co. Our finances require all my time & study. Possibly I may have

[illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] but that is doubtful. Should [illegible] such a [illegible], the benefit would be beyond question. Do not defer any plans of your own because of the possibility that I may join you.

Our official connection is not prosperous. I accept the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. A heavy debt is inevitable.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] in company with [illegible] [illegible] Robinson [illegible] duly made at our last meeting of the Board [illegible] I submitted the matter of your release [illegible] also of [illegible] proposal in connection therewith. Whereupon it was voted that [illegible] be formally released from any connection with the W. S. Fair, that you be at liberty to draw on the treasurer for [illegible].

It gives me great pleasure to affirm that your relations have been so pleasant and fraternal at all times, and that the separation now takes place in kindly good [illegible], with mutual respect, [illegible] [illegible] affection. [illegible].

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Miss. Rooms Boston
June 29 1861

Rev A. Gleason,
Rochester, N.Y.

Dear Brother,

Yours of in company with Bro. Wright's, I have duly rec'd. At our last meeting of the Pru'd Com'ee I submitted the matter of your release & also of an allowance in connection therewith. Whereupon it was voted that at request Mr G. ~~[illegible]~~ be honorably released from your connection with the A.B.C.F.M., & that you be at liberty to draw on the Treasurer for $200.

It gives me great pleasure to reflect that your relations have been so pleasant & fraternal at all times, & that the separation now takes place in God's good Providence, with mutual respect, confidence & affection. Respectfully, [illegible] but you will always have our warmest sympathy, and for the [illegible] we shall have you.

My prospects financially, thus at [illegible] I am disappointed in the results of [illegible]. A heavy debt is inevitable; & what is [illegible] it is difficult to find. I am afraid that we shall be obliged to give up [illegible]; but we shall know more [illegible] hence.

Kindest regards to Mrs G. & your children.

Very fraternally

yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
July 25 1861.

Rev Dr Lord
Hanover N H

Dear Sir,

I have just rec'd a letter from J. Fairbanks Esq, which I enclose (by copy) for your perusal.

The Society still adheres, you will see, to its plan of supporting only those cases in the Moor's School. Perhaps they are right in law, but I wish that they were not so inclined, I confess.

Very respectfully
yours

S. B. Treat

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Mass House Bost
Aug 20 1861

Mass House, Bost,
Aug 29 1861

Mr A. Wright Esq

Dear Sir I shall need
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] further
materials in some particulars
for my report. Please to give me
what [illegible] [illegible] relating to the
late [illegible] [illegible]

In haste
Very respectfully
J. B. [illegible]

Jos. F. [illegible]

Miss House Boston
Aug 29 1861

Rev N. H. Pierce
Alleghany Res.

Dear Bro.

I shall need a report from you, to enable me to make out the Ann. Report. Please to forward one, as soon as [illegible], giving statistics &c.

In haste.

Very fraternally
yr
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Sept. 2, 1861

To the Dakota Mission

Dear Brethren: Under the Cherokee Treaty, the Board was to receive the value of certain improvements among the Osages, (their country being ceded to the Cherokees;) & after many delays the money came into our hands, (1858.) The expenditure was not left to our discretion, but we were to use it among the Osages, in supporting schools & improving their condition. We had no encouragement to commence a new mission; indeed, the Indians did not desire our presence. Hence we endeavored to secure a discharge from the condition; but after a good deal of effort, we failed in the Department; next we went to Congress; but not till last year, 1860, did we obtain any relief. The law which was finally passed, allowed us to expend the money among other tribes not adequately provided with schools & means of improving their condition; subject, however, to the approval of the Sec. of the Interior. We waited till this summer; & in July I obtained the consent of the present Sec. that we should expend this money among the Dakotas & Ojibwas.

The money which we have heretofore obtained from the [illegible] [illegible] the civilization [illegible] instead [illegible] I hope you will [illegible] contribute [illegible], but in the present state of the treasury there may be [illegible] delay [illegible] be for the president [illegible],

For the [illegible] points of the last money as the [illegible] we may expend among the Dakotas, we shall want [illegible] than [illegible] have given in past time. For the [illegible] we shall want no [illegible] Mr [illegible] will communicate from time to time, [illegible] letters [illegible] or that with sufficient [illegible] Wm. P. Dole, Com. of Indian Affairs.

Both the [illegible] shall [illegible] acceptance in another respect. I found the Com. of Ind. Affairs very much interested ~~among~~ in the Dakotas. He wishes to be fully posted with the [illegible]; [illegible] desires greatly [illegible] number & progress of the pupils, [illegible] shall [illegible] by him.

[illegible] I would ask [illegible] you [illegible] the [illegible] statement of what you have accomplished in regard to the [illegible] of education & civilization. The first [illegible] will not [illegible] particularly, [illegible] it is quite important unless [illegible] from the [illegible] of improvement. But [illegible] clearly the education & civilization of the Dakotas. (It may be well [illegible] to [illegible] for what may [illegible] though [illegible] limited results.)

(2) I wish you to send me quarterly reports of your schools (boarding & day) & I will transmit them to the Com.r I think it will be for the prosperity of your mission, if you take some pains to meet the views of the Com.r for he is evidently disposed to do what he can for the Dakotas.

As you send the quarterly reports to me, you may as well send the "Sketch" of your work, especially in its results, to me also, though it had better be ~~directed~~ addressed to Hon. Wm. P. Dole, Com. of Indian Affairs. The school reports should be of each school separately.

Last year we could not give J. P. Williamson what he desired for his new station. In view of the credit which we have obtained in the use of the Sept money; I think we shall feel able to do more for him. Hence if you will make out a proper estimate of what he will need to put his station in working order, I will see what we can do. We have a hard year before us; but we can be more liberal to you than to others for the reason already given. I shall claim that money expended for the mission generally is for improving the condition of the Indians, in the most effective ways, if it shall become necessary. With the Com.r I did not take that ground formally; though I laid down the doctrine that preaching the gospel was the best way of elevating barbarians was wholly untenable; & I gave him some facts. In your "sketch," it may be useful to bring out this truth.

I have rec'd Mr. Riggs' report; but I have nothing from the other stations. [illegible] the report, as I need the materials now. If nothing shall have been sent when this reaches you, please to send the statistics immediately, as I may use them at least.

We close our financial year with abundant reason for thankfulness. Our receipts for the last month are very large; nearly $100,000; larger than they have ever been for the same month. Our debt, I think, will scarcely be half of what the Secretary exhibited [illegible] [illegible] estimated [illegible]. But our [illegible], if much diminished; & we shall go forth, courage, take next year, with a good deal of hard work.

Very fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

Missionary House Boston
Sept 2 1861

Rev S. R. Riggs
Dakotas — Dear Brother

Yours of the 16th ult. has been received. I thank you for it. You will see by a copy of my letter to the mission, that I will not therefore [illegible] upon the topics therein considered.

In regard to Alfred's laboring among the Dakotas, we will hardly be able, [illegible] of the present prospect of our [illegible], to act. But if the Osage money (about $13.500 [illegible]) should [illegible] very little [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], with that aid it is possible that the Committee may be willing to consider that proposition. But [illegible] write to us, [illegible] a year will be closed. [illegible] you will [illegible] kindest regards to [illegible] your children & all within your circle. Very fraternally yr

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept 2 1861,

Rev. J. P. Williamson
Dakotah — Dear Brother

Your letter of the 2d ult. I have duly rec'd. You need not be afraid of writing too much to me; the more the better, provided only you will let me write to you in my desultory way in these days. I am little more than a Home Sec. The procuring of funds is, in fact, my chief aim and what success the Lord has given us, you will see from the letter which I have addressed to the mission, & shall send immediately. In other matters presented therein you are somewhat interested. If your statistics, & report are not on the way, I hope you will despatch them forthwith.

Very cordially yrs
S. B. Treat

think of the many missionary [illegible] done at the [illegible]
I am overwhelmed. What [illegible] Miss. Howes Boston
of this [illegible] [illegible] Sept. 9th 1861 [illegible]

Rev. J. Potter, [illegible]
Galesburg, Mich.

Dear Sir, I feel it my duty to speak to you, with all earnestness & fidelity, [illegible] ad-dressed [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] the past [illegible] instead of [illegible] your society at Chicago [illegible] conversation, & [illegible] address! [illegible] on missionary ground, exercising the office of a missionary, applications for support from missionary offerings, you have grievously sinned & grievously fallen! The tendency [illegible] the [illegible] & yourself, especially when taken in connexion with recent information, leaves me no [illegible] innocence. [illegible] You ought [illegible] ought [illegible] have been [illegible] What you should do [illegible] such things, while [illegible] the Board [illegible] Christ, is inexpressibly painful. But when the think of the wrong which since you have done at the Lyceum I am overwhelmed. That one professedly called of God, a minister & a missionary, should live in such a way! with what feelings must he regard the Saviour!

I feel it to be my duty to exhort you, with all earnestness & fidelity, to repent of your great wickedness. Endeavor to realize the guilt which you have incurred. Survey it in all its length and breadth; & then go to that Blessed One, whose compassions are infinite, & plead for his mercy. You can never repair the wrong which you have done; but you may fall prostrate at his feet, & supplicate his forgiveness. S. B. Treat

But there are other duties, as it seems to me, which I am bound to discharge. (1) You received a large sum of money from our treasury, which you could not have received had we known of this transgression. You ought to pay it back as speedily as possible; you ought to restore it & take such measures in the way which conscience & Christian principle will now call upon you to do. (2) You ought not to exercise the office of a minister of Christ. This you have done, I understand, in your new home. Having gone there with the *prestige* of a missionary, you are naturally invited to preach. You ought not to avail yourself of this *prestige*, in such circumstances. And the least which I can do is to ask you to give me an assurance that you will no longer exercise the functions of ~~Christ~~ a minister of Christ.

Should you comply with these requests, I shall feel that I have done my duty in the premises. Praying that the Infinite God will give you repentance unto life, & incline you to do whatever is right,

I am very sincerely

Your friend

S. B. Treat

P. S. Please to reply to me at once, if practicable; at any rate let me hear from you before the meeting of the Board closes at Cleveland, October 3. I had thought of visiting you after the meeting; but your reply may save the necessity of an interview, which will be painful to us both.

S. B. T.

Miss. House Boston
Oct 7th 1861

[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] Mr. Walker has
sent me a letter of yours, in which you
give the address of "certain honorable
women". The time has been, when I should
have been happy to receive such a com-
munication; but now, alas! we have but
little work for female teachers. We have
withdrawn those among the Indians; & very few
beyond, alas. There are no vacancies any
where.

The position into which the rebellion
has thrown the Choctaws & Cherokees, is
sad & sickening. It seems to be as
merciless as the Reign of Terror. Alas, for
the poor Indian! Slavery is not satisfied
with oppressing the black man. It must

put in jeopardy the interests of the red man as well.

I hope our Govt will treat these Indians leniently; but they have exposed themselves to fearful risks.

All our missionaries among the Cherokees have left, except Mr. Ranney, Willey. Since then I have not heard for some time.

Very sincerely
yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston.
Nov 6. 1861

Rev. J. P. Williamson
Sioux Agency

Dear Bro.

I yesterday rec^d the estimates of your mission, including $300 for your outfit & $500 for house &c. I asked the Com^tee in the afternoon to pass upon these sums, as it might materially oblige you to know at once, whether you could have these sums allowed.

They authorized me to say that when the appropriations for 1862 shall be made, these sums will be allowed. You can act upon this presumption without any delay. I hope this statement will relieve you from any embarrassment which you may have experienced.

I hope to hear that the Lord is blessing you in your labors. I feel a particular interest in the success of our endeavors at your station. Very fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Dec. 3. 1861

Hon. Wm P. Dole
Com. of Ind. Affairs

Sir.

You will have received the letter of Mr Gordon, our Treasurer, informing you of the expenditure of $400 among the Dakotas & Ojibwas, which he has charged against the $1509 85, received under the treaty of New Echota.

I am expecting a communication from our missionaries among the Dakotas, in regard to the progress of their work in that field, which I shall take pleasure in transmitting to you.

Among the Ojibwas, as among the Dakotas, we have more encouragement than we have had for many years. The advance in education & civilization is marked & gratifying.

Very respectfully
Your obed. Servant

S. B. Treat
Secr. of the A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 5. 1860

Rev. J. P. Durbin D.D.
New York City

Dear Brother

Your letter has this moment come into my hands. I regret exceedingly, that it did not reach me yesterday. I am just on the point of leaving for a missionary campaign of four weeks; & I have a good deal more to do during the few minutes which I shall spend in the Miss. House ~~than~~ than I possibly can do. It would take considerable time to "hunt up" Dr. W's letters, & extract from them whatever bears upon the matter which you have in charge. In fact, it is not possible to do it before I leave.

Again, there is no one ~~else~~ that can do this service, I fear, except myself. No one else has any accurate knowledge of the transaction. I expect, moreover, that it would require considerable collation from me to get out the idea which you wish to have embodied. Dr. W.

was a poor writer; & the point which you would establish, for instance, must be made out by the bringing together of sundry particulars. X

In regard to the general fact, I acknowledged no [illegible] it had been his transaction; he would have said nothing to us about it. But it was a *mess* transaction; hence he reported to us what he had done".

After my return, if it is not too late, I will gladly perform this service.

Fraternally &c

S. B. Treat

I should have written to you before, had it not been for the great pressure upon me as Home Secretary. I have spent a good deal of time between the meetings of the Board, in attending missionary meetings; & when I have been at home I have always found much to do that seemed to be immediately urgent. I am sorry that I cannot promise to do better hereafter. We have secured a Dist. Sec. for Southern New England; this will relieve me somewhat; but I expect to be away from home more than ever (on official business) for the next four or five months. [illegible]

S. Treat, Secretary, Mission House, Boston

[illegible] Jan. 16. 1862

To the Dakota Mission.

Dear Brethren.

I have to acknowledge the following letters, viz.

Dr. Williamson's [illegible] Oct. 29. 1861

Mr. Riggs's [illegible] Oct 17 "

Mr. Cunningham's [illegible] Oct 29 "

Mr. Riggs's [illegible] Dec 4 "

J. P. Williamson's [illegible] Dec 7 "

J. P. Williamson's report for 1861.

I should have written to you earlier, had it not been for the great pressure upon me as Home Secretary. I have spent a good deal of time since the meeting of the Board, in attending missionary meetings; & when I have been at home, I have always found much to do that seemed to be immediately urgent. I am sorry that I cannot promise to do better hereafter. We have secured a Dist. Sec. for Southern New England, & that will relieve me somewhat. But I expect to be away from home more than ever (on official business) for the next four or five months [illegible]. We do not mean to [illegible]

I trust, however, that you will not be influenced by my bad example. You can write to us though you hear but seldom from me. We shall always be glad to know of your welfare, & how the Lord is dealing with my old friends who are living near you. May he cause his good Spirit to descend upon you & upon them, blessing you all abundantly!

The Comee have appropriated the sums which you have asked, viz.

For J. P. Williamson's	house &c	$500	
do	outfit	350	
do	salary	300	— $1150
For Mr Riggs family			550
" Dr Williamson do			400
" Miss Williamson — school			150
" Teacher of Board School			150
" Mr Cunningham			500
" twenty boarding pupils			1000
			$3900

Mr Cunningham's request has been considered. We have not quite seen the way clear for granting it if perhaps we ought to do so; but in case of doubt we are rather apt to decide in favor of the treasury. We do not mean to close the door & assent a renewal of this request; if the mission, at any time, should ~~at any time~~ think that Mr C. needs an additional sum, the Com. will probably be ready to yield to their wishes.

I rejoiced in the prospects of Mr. Jno. Williamson at the Lower Agency. I hope he will be able to carry out his plans; that soon he will find himself pleasantly located in his new field of labor, having his finished church not only, but his finished dwelling.

I trust that we shall have good reports from each of the stations this year. We must do with our might what our hands find to do, especially in behalf of the red man. This unnatural war, I fear, is to inflict great injury upon the more southern Indians. The Choctaws & Cherokees have been forced into apparent sympathy with the Confederates, nearly all preferring to keep out of the imbroglio. But the alternative was, "Join us, or fight us;" & there was no northern arm that could reach & protect them.

Our finances have not reached a stage that is decisive for the year. We can say, however, that we are hopeful. Much depends upon the history of our country for the next few months.

An Englishman has kindly given us for the Turkish Missions Aid Soc. £600. This is very encouraging. Many of our friends are prostrated by the financial derangement; & so we shall lose [illegible] quarters. But we hope that others will supply their lack of service.

You will suppose, of course, that we are all deeply interested in the progress of this war. We are disappointed that events do not unfold themselves [illegible] rapidly; but we hope to find [illegible] things all right in the end. If Genl McClellan fixes the South with a "boa constrictor," & crushes the rebellion, we shall pardon him for his seeming delay; it we shall probably be satisfied that such a course was [illegible]. But a good issue [illegible] will be needed to vindicate the skill of our young Commander.

[illegible] will ask your attention to my letter of Sept. 20, in regard to the communications which the Com. of Indian Affairs desires. It is well for us to keep on good terms with him, as I think he desires the prosperity of the Dakotas.

Very fraternally

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S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 16, 1862

Rev. J. P. Williamson
Lower Sioux Agency

Dear Brother,

I send herewith a letter to your mission, which you will 1 please to read & forward.

In regard to your plan of going to Ohio in the spring, you have my full consent; & may the Lord add his choicest blessings! May they abide with you in your settled habitation Home!

2. It may be well to have the testimonials of Miss Leslie sent to us. Then have her regularly appointed before you come to Ohio. It will be enough if you ask her appointment, & two or three persons approve.

3. A certificate of ch. membership is required.

Very fraternally yours,

S. B. Treat

Should there be some delay in her coming, & you can find any one that real helper, you may employ her ad

Miss. House, Boston
Jan. 23. 1862

Rev. J. A. Wright,
Seneca. —

Dear Brother

Yours favor of the 9th—13th inst. has duly reached me. In regard to the several topics therein considered. I have to say. that

1. Mr. Gordon thinks you had better get the buildings insured. He takes the business view of the matter.

2. I doubt the expediency of admitting any one to the occupancy of the house at Upper Cattaraugus; as matters now stand. I hope a new missionary may be in it before long.

3. As you are corresponding with Mrs. Abbott, it may be well for you to get her decision as soon as may be; should there be some delay in her coming, & you can find any one that would be a real helper, you may employ her, at

interim, giving him such pay as Chhs in your region are accustomed to give.

There is a young man in the present Senior class, Andover, who wishes to be a missionary, but who will not be, probably, because there are doubts of his success in acquiring the language. He is a man of choice spirit, kind, reliable, but not brilliant, slow, very weighty. Possibly he (J. A. Sawin) might go to Cattaraugus, if asked to do so. I think Abbott would be more likely to please the Indians; but Sawin's Christian character stands very high. My only fear would be as to the "snap"!

I earnestly hope that we may hear good tidings from Cattaraugus soon. We are looking for an unusual blessing this year upon our missions. The Lord grant that we be not disappointed!

Affectionate respects to Mrs W. and with you

Very fraternally
Ys
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 23. 1862

Hon. W. P. Dole,
Com.r of Indian Affairs

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith a paper which gives an account of the labors performed by our missionaries among the Dakotas. It was written by Dr. Williamson; but it has the full sanction of Mr Riggs. both excellent & faithful men.

Very respectfully
your obt. servant

S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

P.S. I expect to receive detailed reports from this time forward.

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 24. 1862

Rev Thos S. Williamson M.D.
Dakota Mission

Dear Brother

Your favor of Jan. 2. with the Sketch of Labors among the Dakotas, I have rec^d & I thank you for it. I have had a copy made of it, which is *en route* to Washington. I hope the Com^r will profit by it. I have also placed the paper in the hands of our editor, Mr Worcester. I trust he will make some use of it.

You will have seen my letter to the Dakota mission, dated Jan. 16. before this reaches you. I wrote to J.P.W. at the same time, giving my "full consent" to his completing his domestic arrangements in the spring. I trust that Miss Sitte will prove a valuable addition to our missionary corps.

There is nothing *marked* in our circumstances or prospects. We are not *dis*couraged by what we see around us; on the contrary, I *hope* we shall close the year Sept. 1 without embarrassment. But the future is uncertain; so we walk by faith. Kind regards to all

Very fraternally Yr S.B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 6. '62

Rev. C. C. Torrey
Georgia &c.

Dear Brother

I have just learned from Mr. Ranney that you have a report of a speech made by John Ross in Flint district a few years since which embodies many facts of interest both in relation to himself & his people. I think it will be well for us to have such a document, so far at least as it is historical; as it may be of use to us hereafter. Will you have the goodness, then to send me a copy; or, if you will send the original, I will have it copied, & then return it.

Mr Ranney's family is in Boston, & he has been there for several weeks. I don't know what his plans are; We hear nothing from or of Mr Willey; nor do we precisely understand the state of things among the Cherokees. We did suppose that they had succumbed to secession threats, John Ross included; but recent statements make us doubt whether this is so. The U. S. Govt is very anxious to retain the sympathy of the Indians. It is for this reason that Comr. Dole has been sent into those parts.

Our financial prospects are somewhat ambiguous. We are neither encouraged nor discouraged in any marked degree. How the war will close no man can say.

With affectionate regards to Mrs. Loring, I remain, as ever
Very fraternally
Yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 13. 1862

Hon. Wm P. Dole,
Comr of Indian Affairs

Sir.

It gives me pleasure to transmit herewith reports of two of our schools, one ~~kept~~ taught by Miss Eliza W. Huggins at Hazlewood, the other by Miss Jane S. Williamson at Pajutazee.

They have not been received as promptly as I expected. I suppose, however, that it was the wish of the writers to ~~include~~ bring them down to the close of Dec. 1861.

I am, very respectfully,
your obedt servant

S. B. Treat
Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House, Boston,
Feb. 14. 62

To the Dakota Mission

Dear Brethren

I am happy to acknowledge the receipt of Dr Williamson's letter for Mr. & Mrs Williamson's school report; Mr Riggs' letter Jan 27, & Miss Huggins' school report. The reports have been sent to the Comr of Indian Affairs, now absent, I believe, for the purpose of keeping the Cherokees, Creeks & Seminoles, as far as may be, on the Union side of our great struggle; the most of them, I am persuaded, are cordially with us in heart, though they may yield to force, & some be against us.

Future school reports had better be sent to me. They will keep me informed of the progress which is making, & in case this course is pursued, at the same time, that the wishes of the Com. will be met.

Our financial prospects are neither dis-couraging nor particularly encouraging. We may describe ourselves as being in the twilight. It is neither clear daylight, nor absolute darkness. The prospects of the country are strongly in-

Yours fraternally, S. B. Treat

proving; & I have no doubt the letters & circulars to follow those recently addressed to [illegible] such things will operate favorably. But in the present state of our country, we cannot expect large receipts, except as the result of hard special efforts.

There is one difficulty in the time of collecting for the Board, which a large number of pastors have selected. It is so late in the year, that we cannot know with any confidence how we are coming out, till it is too late to decide upon new efforts. But the Lord has been very good to us hitherto, & we will trust Him for the future.

We have recently lost some of our best missionaries, Dr Thompson, Dr Dwight, [illegible] death. The second, by reason of his intimate knowledge of our work in Western Asia, promised to be of great service to us. But the Lord has taken him in his way & time! He attended [illegible] the conventions in Vermont, [illegible] with me. We both escaped all danger ([illegible]) & afterwards he was taken when he thought of no danger!! But there is no mistake in God's plans.

Kind regards to all connected with [illegible]

Yours fraternally, S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 14, 1862.

To the Seneca Mission

Dear Brethren.

We have had recd no estimates from you for the year 1862. I have supposed that I should receive them in due time, as I have recd them in past years; & so have said nothing in relation to that thing.

You will understand of course, that we put the missions on the most economical basis. They take it in good part. They find, moreover, that there are certain incidental benefits growing out of the reductions which are made; the native helpers & native churches show more interest in relieving the Board than was expected; so that, in some respects, there is an important gain.

You will allow me to ask your attention to this point. All that your people do to relieve us is a benefit to them as well as to us. May I ask, then, that you will give this subject your consideration, at least so far as may be, this year.

Very fraternally yours, S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Feb. 14 1862

Rev. S. H. Wheeler
Ojibwas.

Dear Brother.

It seems a long time since I have heard from you; & you may think it is a long time since I have written to you. If so, you are quite right. My excuse is, that the Home Department requires a great deal of time. I was away from the Miss. House a considerable part of the time; & when I am at home, I am often uncommonly crowded.

I am anxious to ascertain how your health has fared during the winter. Sometimes I fear that one reason why I hear so little from you, is that you are not so well. I shall be glad to learn that it is not so.

I wish also to learn how the prospects of the mission appear at the present time. How are the schools? Has the congregation increased? Is there any religious interest among the Ojibwas? Any thing that reflects light upon the state of the mission, I shall be glad to hear.

I have not rec'd any estimates for

1862; consequently the appropriations are not made as yet. I hope you will forward the proper estimates as soon as you can.

I think it will be advisable to consider the educational department as having two branches viz; the day school & the boarding school. I wish to have separate reports made to me. Mr Spencer makes his report to the Comr of Indian Affairs at Washington regularly, I presume, as the contract requires. Let him continue this practice, & also report to me (that I may have the material for our Anl Report) once a year, viz. in the summer.

But I should like to have a report from the day school more frequently; that I may occasionally write to the Comr in respect to it, & other matters pertaining to the Ojibwas: Mr Dole seems to be well disposed in regard to the Indians; but I found his attention (last July) turned especially to the Dakotas. I hope we may enlist his sympathies in favor of your work—

Please to assure Mrs W. & all your associates of my fraternal regards

Very truly yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 24. 1862.

Hon. Wm P. Dole,
Com'r of Indian Affairs.

Sir.

I send herewith certain letters which Rev. Mr. Wheeler, our missionary among the Ojibwas, near Lake Superior, has transmitted to me, viz, one to Hon. G. E. H. Day, dated Dec. 5. one to yourself dated Jan. 29, & a second to yourself without date, & without signature, but unquestionably written by Mr. Wheeler. Allow me to make a few remarks, suggested by these documents.

1. We regard Mr Wheeler as a faithful missionary & an honest man. He has fair intellectual powers, & his desire to benefit the Indians is undoubted. The opinions which he expresses, are the result of personal intercourse with them during twenty years.

2. He has no pecuniary interest in any thing which the Govt may do. He receives from us a salary which is barely sufficient for the support of his family, & with that he is content.

3. Neither have we any pecuniary interest [illegible], for the [illegible]; & also that the payment

in the expenditures of the Indian Department, in behalf of the Ojibwas, except in this particular, viz. Inasmuch as the U. S. Govt by treaty has certain moneys to be used for their improvement, we wish to have a part of them committed to us, believing most fully (as we do) that we shall spend them better than any other agency that is likely to be employed.

You will see that the boarding school at Bad River (which we were induced to undertake by the encouragement offered by the Govt) has cost us a large sum. The amount allowed for the buildings was altogether insufficient, especially in view of the high prices which almost every article commands in that region. And were we to receive the payments which our contract with the Govt authorizes us to anticipate for current expenditures, we should still be largely out of pocket, as you will infer from Mr Wheeler's statements. In these circumstances I will take the liberty of saying that if your Department can refund the $5446.12 (the excess of the cost of the boarding school buildings above the $3000 received) out of moneys that can lawfully be used in this way, we shall feel under great obligation for the favor; & also that the payment of $2500 in the way of contract, if much needed, as will be seen from Mr Wheeler's second letter to yourself.

4. In addition to what Mr Wheeler has said in reference to the schools, let me say generally, that there has been a marked change in the condition of these Indians within the last few years. I think it very important, therefore, that the experiment which is being made there should go forward. But we need the cooperation of the Govt. If this is withheld, I do not see how, in the present state of the country, with all the demands which are made upon us, we can sustain the burden.

5. In regard to certain topics discussed in Mr Wheeler's letter to Mr Gray. I will only say that they seem to me to be worthy of the special attention of your Department. His remarks on the character of the agents appointed, of the methods of testing the honesty of the expenditures, of the "mixed bloods", of the location of the Indians on Reservations, I beg leave most respectfully to commend to your patient & deliberate consideration.

6. More important than the sending of special

commissioners. I regard it as their plain counsel.
Let me respectfully enquire whether it will not
be consistent with your duties to make such a
visit during the coming summer. In that event
you will gain a personal knowledge of many things
pertaining to Indian affairs, on our Lake Superior, which
it would be very difficult to obtain in any other
way. The Ojibwas will be [illegible] stimulated to new
efforts in the line of civilization & human progress.
You will find the excursion, at the proper
season for easy & pleasant, [illegible] to be desirable
hereafter. I am very sincerely

Your obedt Servant

[illegible] for the purpose of a few conferences with [illegible]

Selah B. Treat
Secy. of the Am. Board of
Commissioners for For. Missions

[illegible] I do not know when he will return. 2. The
present is the bad time to get any thing done in the
way of [illegible] Every Department is
oppressed with [illegible] that which is of
immediate necessity, receives the first attention; &
perhaps that is all [illegible]
I have forwarded the documents to [illegible]
& have sent a letter of my own regarding your

Mission House, Boston
Feb. 26. 1862

Rev. L. H. Wheeler
Ojibwa Mission

Dear Brother,

I have rec'd your letter of Jan 23, with two others of Jan 29. I have also read with sorrow & heaviness of heart your two of same day, with two others to Com. Dole. I have had copies made of these documents, which I shall return for such use as may seem to be desirable hereafter.

You suggest that I make a visit to Washington, for the purpose of a personal conference with the Com. or that Mr Chase go. There are two objections to this course: 1. the Com. is in the west looking after the loyal Indians, Creeks, Seminoles, &c, and I do not know when he will return; 2. the present is the bad time to get any thing done in the way of looking up abuses. Every Department is oppressed with cares & labor; & that which is of immediate necessity, receives the first attention; & perhaps that is all which is done.

I have forwarded the documents to Mr Dole, & have sent a letter of my own seconding your

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difficulties. I have especially dreaded the matter of his passing from [illegible] to [illegible]. Summarily, if he will do that, I think it the best thing I apprehend that can be effected in the circumstances.

I am somewhat reluctant to solicit the co-operation of Messrs. Sumner & Wilson in these matters, knowing as I do the pressure that is upon them as Senators of the U. S. Last summer, being in Washington, I had occasion to call on the former; but he was so busy that I left as soon as I could get away, after securing my object. Mr. Clark, I think, will keep the copy of the documents which I had made out from the Secretary's office, if I recollect; but I am not very confident as to the precise result, as I do not remember details thoroughly. It is, I suppose, the general sentiment of that [illegible], the thought of the politician, in my opinion, of public men at Washington, that is not likely to be applied in our people.

There are two other matters which require a notice. The estimates which you have sent are approved by the Committee, & the sum of $2,175 is appropriated for the expenses of your mission for 1862. We have full confidence that you will do your best to keep down your disbursements as low as possible. Thus far things have been very unfortunate in our

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ferences that we could have effected; but we cannot be free from solicitude in respect to the future.

2. I think it best for you to find a teacher for the Boarding School. You can do it better than any one else; & the prospect of a lady's staying with you, contented & useful, is much greater if you have a full understanding as to what she is to do, such as can be given only by a personal conference. This is our experience.

Perhaps you will need to look after your supplies a little. Mr Gordon, who takes Mr Clark's place, lives at Cincinnati, & so he will not be able to do much for you. Mr Hand, I presume, will receive your orders, & see that they are filled, if Mr Gordon will write to him on that subject; but possibly you may wish to see to the matter for the present year.

I hope to hear that the Lord is blessing your people this winter. It is gratifying to hear that they are making some progress in civilization; but this is not the redemption of the soul from the power of sin, which should be the grand aim of the Church. May we not expect good tidings from the Dakotahs,

Kindest regards to Mrs W. & the children, Miss Spooner, Henry, &c &c. Very fraternally yours,

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to speak of them as two. One reason for this is that we are receiving [illegible] from the United States. Messrs. [illegible] from Boston [illegible] $200 or $300 March 5, 1862. Rev. L. H. Wheeler [illegible] therefore, that hereafter Ojibway [illegible] Indian [illegible] for this school [illegible]

Mr. Gordon has received a letter from Chas. E. Mix, Acting Com. of Indian affairs, in which he says that the last acc^d rec^d from (Day school at Odanah) Mr. [illegible] for the boarding school at Odanah was for the 2^d & 3^d quarters of 1860. "A careful & satisfactory examination shows that no subsequent accounts under the provisions of that contract have been rec^d at this office." I do not know what the precise facts are, but I would suggest (1) that hereafter all the acc^ts be sent to Mr. Gordon, in order that he may transmit them to Washington, & (2) as there seems to be a "hitch" somewhere, that Mr. Spencer send other + new accounts, from Oct. 1. 1860 to April 1, 1862, in his usual form. (inserting the [illegible] of scholars [illegible]) [illegible] would then appear that [illegible] are entitled to the sum for which we [illegible] the Mission House. If [illegible] other [illegible] can probably straighten out the difficulties.

In my recent letter I suggested the keeping of the day school & boarding school distinct, not that the children shall not be taught together; but in our reports it will be more convenient

to speak of them as two. One reason why this is so
is that we are receiving certain allowances from
the United States civilization fund, & we
can apply $100 or $200 to our day school.

Let me request therefore, that hereafter
you will send Indian [illegible] for this school
that we may [illegible] the teaching [illegible] they require to
[illegible] the [illegible] of the missionary meeting held
at the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] A.B.C.F.M. I had no
occasion to ask Mr L. H. Wheeler [illegible] be glad
teacher of day school at Odanah
To salary of [illegible] [illegible] for quarter ending [illegible] of the
Board 1862 $50.00

To [illegible] these [illegible] are some [illegible]
to [illegible] people. I pray the Lord of missions
to [illegible] large blessings upon you. [illegible] able to
of it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] still
the [illegible]. [illegible] to do it? Will not the Lord
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ed to indicate [illegible] our [illegible] [illegible]
will, if approved the same which we ask. They also
[illegible] $50 under [illegible] [illegible] Rev. [illegible] L. H. Wheeler
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needful. [illegible] to [illegible] back to L. H. Wheeler

I have not the time to say [illegible] [illegible]. I
have a [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible]
you wish. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] week, $200
to the orphan asylum. Suppose we [illegible] the $100
[illegible] [illegible] as we have done S. A. B. [illegible] as
Superintendent of the Asylum. I think the Indian

Miss. House Boston
March 5th 1862

Rev. A. Wright
Seneca.

Dear Brother

Your letters of the 20th & 21st have duly rec^d. The estimates were formerly sent to me as part of the minutes of the mission meeting, held in the fall, generally, I believe, in Sept. I had no occasion to ask for them. Hereafter, I shall be glad to receive them immediately after the meeting of the Board.

I am glad to hear that there are some tokens of good among your people. I pray the God of missions to bestow a large blessing upon you! He is able to effect wonderful changes on the Reservation. Will it not glorify Him to do it? Will not his Son be honored thereby?

The Com^ee have approved your estimates, & appropriated the sums which you ask. They also add $50, for fencing the lands belonging to the lower station, which you are authorized to expend, if needful, when it seems to you best to do it.

In regard to an increase of your salary, I have a proposition to make which will perhaps meet your wishes. We can expend, if we wish, $200 on the Orphan Asylum. Suppose we pay the $100 to the matron as we have done, & $100 to you as Superintendent of the Asylum. I think the Indian

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March 5th 1867

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Department will allow it, & you can take the money $100. for your own purposes. Or if you prefer, you may take $200 for the matron, & charge $100 to yourself in your acct. with the Asylum. Please to inform me how this plan strikes you.

The Prud. Com. have appointed Mr Gordon & myself on your arrearages, with power to adjust the matter. We have your statements, made in past years; but Mr G. thinks it might be well to have also a statement of the amount of your own property which you have put into the Asylum. I gave him, as a reason for dealing kindly with the case, the information, that you had done a good deal for that institution. Will you have the goodness to say, then, how much it owes you now, & how much [illegible] given to it!

I am expecting to go to the West in a few days. If you can answer this immediately, probably I shall receive it before I set out. Still it is not very important that the letter should reach me at once.

Kindest regards to Mrs. H. & all your fellow laborers.

Yours fraternally

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
March 5. 1862

Rev. N. H. Pierce
Alleghany Res. &c.

Dear Brother.

I rec'd from Mr Wright the estimates for your station, & the Com'ee have allowed them, viz

N. H. Pierce salary	$400.
Hired help	100
Education of children	75
Repairs	50
Interpreters	100
Jas. Pierce	200.

We renew the appropriation for Jas. Pierce for the present year; but we have some doubts in regard to the matter. Suppose we were to pay the whole sum at once, would he take the same, & close his connection with us? If so, would it not be best for us to pay the amount, & end the difficulties which are springing up in our path? If you say "yes" you may settle with him on that plan, if he will agree to it.

I go West in a few days, to be absent several weeks. I shall be happy to hear from you on any subject in regard to the progress of your work. I believe I have rec'd no letter since the last meeting.

Very fraternally yr
S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House Boston
April 21. 1862

Hon. Wm. P. Dole,
Com. of Indian Affairs

Dear Sir,

I am informed that Mr Webb, Indian Agent on Lake Superior, has proposed to Miss Spear, (who is under our direction,) to become a Govt. teacher; & I am informed that, in case of her refusal, another may be sent to Odanah. I am expecting to visit Odanah during the present summer; & I respectfully ask that no change be made in the educational arrangements at that place, till I shall have been there.

If I am not much mistaken, the prospects of these Indians have never been so flattering as they are now; & I should greatly regret any change that may not have had the most careful consideration. Schools under the direction of Indian agents are apt to be worthless.

Very respectfully, yr obedt servant
S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House. Boston
April 21. 1862

Hon. [illegible] H. Atkinson
Ojibwa Agent.

Dear Sir

I have rec'd your letters of March 3. & Mar 24. with one from Rev. Ayer, a brief note from Mr Howe, & then another letter from Dr Ellis, April 15. All came to the Miss. House when I was at the West, attending missionary conventions. Hence the delay in my reply. I will now refer to these in the order of date, and,

1. Mr Gordon & myself have a perfect understanding as to the reports & vouchers. As he is the party to the contract, it is better to send all the vouchers to him, that he may know just what is the state of the question. The reports in respect to the boarding school may be addressed to the Com. of Indian affairs; but they had better pass through Mr Gordon's hands, for his information & satisfaction.

In regard to the day school the report may be addressed to me or [illegible]. I will see that the substance of it at least is transmitted in the Washington office? If so, then there will be no voucher preparation to furnish. For since, I suppose, the accounting of the vouchers needed are only for the boarding school.

Rev. Mr. Wright wrote in regard to the plan of the agent for starting another school. I have concluded to write to the Com. — asking them to do nothing in the premises, for the present. I trust they will heed my request.

3. I will endeavor to visit Odanah this summer; but I cannot now tell when I shall be able to leave the Miss. House. How shall I go? By Cleveland, as before? Or by Detroit, & Chicago boat? Where shall I leave the boat? At La Pointe or Bayfield? How shall I go from either place to Odanah?

4. Agent [illegible] has written to Dr. Ellis in regard to the confusion which has sprung up in the matter of the payments for the boarding school. Hereafter I think there will be no difficulty. If all the vouchers & reports pass through his hands, he will keep the thing in the right shape.

5. Dr. Ellis has written to me, enclosing quarterly reports of the boarding school. He has also

suggested that I consult some physician in regard to your health. Accordingly I have seen Dr. Jeffries. I read to him Dr. Ellis's description of the case, when he said that he thought you had Chronic pleurisy; that this had occasioned the presence of water in the chest, whereby the capacity of your lungs seemed to be diminished; that the increase of the breathing power indicated the gradual disappearance of the water; that he hoped this process of absorption would still go forward; to which end whatever improves your general health would be favorable, as healthy rest, or light labor, &c. The modern remedy for such difficulties is tapping, which he supposed would be out of the question in your case. He agrees with Dr Ellis that there are probably no tubercles formed in your lungs.

Of course Dr J. could not speak very confidently, as he does not see you; but Dr Ellis's description led him to the conclusion which I have stated above.

Affectionate regards to Ellen W. your children & all your fellow laborers. Very fraternally yr.

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
April 24. 1862

Rev. J. P. Williamson
Dakota Mission

Dear Brother

Your two letters of March 22, I found on my return from the East, where I have been five weeks, holding missionary meetings, as you will have learned.

Not receiving the other papers which I expected, in the case of Miss Lecte, I wrote to her, two or three days ago, requesting that they might be forwarded. To day I have rec^d^ yours of April 12. & find that there is an unexpected cause of the silence. I know nothing of the case; but can well suppose that the disappointment will be trying to you exceedingly. Still I have generally seen that ~~the~~ such an end of an engagement was the best result, all things considered. That is, the disposition to "be off" has indicated, for the most part, that marriage was undesirable. Hence, even with my imperfect knowledge of the facts, I am rather inclined to congratulate you than otherwise.

I know of no reason why you should not go forward with your plans, just as if no disappointment had occurred. I trust the Lord will give you a help-meet in his own good time. If he choose for you, you will have the prospect of indeed a happy connection.

Very paternally

S. B. Treat

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Miss. House Boston
April 24 1862

Rev. Thos. S. Williamson
Dakota Mission.

Dear Brother

Your favor of the 11th March I found on my return from the West, where I have been for five weeks with Messrs Perkins, Lindley & Lord, holding missionary conventions &c. We had a pleasant time on the whole, as we visited 38 places & held 120 meetings. You will readily infer that we performed some work. And I presume you will have no question in view of the necessity for such a service. The interest of the West in foreign missions needs a good deal of strengthening.

I was glad to hear of your children, Andrew & those of your married daughter. I am sorry, however, that John has met with such a disappointment. Still, I have no doubt that it is of the Lord. It is well to make certain discoveries in time. I encourage him to go forward with his studies as if nothing had happened. When the house is ready he probably the other occupant will [illegible]. (This can but [illegible] they [illegible])

The war progresses too slowly for many; but I am not impatient. The delay is favorable for a proper settling of the great question. It would have been a sad misfortune to have had the conflict end at an early day. In that event we should probably have gone back to the old arrangement, and have had slavery a dangerous if not dominant power in the State. It is indispensable to our future peace & prosperity, as it seems to me, that this insidious & deceptive force should be placed where it will make no further trouble.

To this end, apparently, public events are tending. I have but little faith in politicians; but I have great confidence in Providence. The struggle is to be severe & persistent; but that will operate favorably upon the solution of the main problem. Let us have the matter so thoroughly worked out, that the end will be final.

The missionary information contained in your letter I have read with interest. May the Lord add to your number, of such as shall be saved, more & more!

Our finances are in a better condition than we expected. Our donations are below those of last year at this time; but our legacies are so much above, that the two show an advance of nearly $15.000. (This month (April) promises to be large.)

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We are relieved in two other ways. 1. Our missions have reduced their expenses, under pressure. 2. English Christians are giving a good deal to our missions.

But things are doubtful as to the future. How will our friends feel, when they are obliged to pay heavy taxes? That is a serious question. Still the God of missions has in reserve any good things then for, we will [illegible] a distinct being now.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. W. & each sister, with children, & your officials.

Very paternally yours

S. B. Treat

I have made inquiries here & there for some one else to join you. It is hard, however, to find the man who is suited to the place, & who also will be willing to go. I have hoped that you would discover some one in your region, who could, with little expense, make trial of his adaptation to the field, spending a little time with the Indians, & finally securing their confidence & approval. I trust you will still keep your eyes open. Meantime I will keep mine open, & see what can be done.

Missy. House Boston.
May 7, 1862

Rev. A. Wright,
Seneca —

Dear Bro.

Yours of 11 March I found on my return from my western tour. I wrote to Mr. Abbott at once, asking him to visit you, & to see what the field was; but he declines to do so. He wishes to do missy. work farther off. I confess I do not see why the true spirit of missions cannot be satisfied in the doing the Master's work among the Senecas. But the Lord, it may be, does not make the place. I [illegible] time, at Cattaraugus. Hence one may, as well regard the result as foreordained & desirable.

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I am sorry to hear that your health is not good. I hope the most favorable diagnosis will prove to be the true one. At any rate you had better live quietly, for the present, in the full belief that taking care of one's health is as much a duty as any thing else. Sickness is not desirable; but it has its uses. In fact, it occupies a very important place in the divine economy. May the Lord enable you to find out its uses in your own case!

We can make the appropriation for $200 to the "Matron & Superintendent", if you prefer that form. As soon as you shall have made your statement to Mr Gordon, we will consider the question of your arrearage. I do not suppose that it is necessary to spend a great deal of time, upon the subject. Perhaps you had better do the best you can, soon, without making ~~a~~ a serious matter of the affair.

Kindest regards to Mrs W. & all with you.

Very fraternally
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S. B. Treat

Miss. Hous. Boston
May 15 1862

Rev D. Wight Jr.
Natick Ms

Dear Bro.

I am anxious to find a good minister, who is willing to labor among the Seneca Indians, about 25 miles beyond Buffalo. I regard it as an interesting & important field. Are you inclined to consider the question of engaging such a service? If so, I shall be happy to have an interview with you, either here or at Natick, as you shall prefer.

I cannot explain the case fully & clearly by letter; hence I will reserve my [illegible] till I see you. I am satisfied that [illegible] is [illegible] that some one should occupy [illegible] Missionary may occupy pleasantly & profitably, will enable [illegible] to understand better the state of things.

Very fraternally yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
May 19. 1862

Rev. W. H. Pierce
Salamanca, N. York

Dear Brother

Your favor of the 15th has reached me. I had hoped to hear that the Spirit of the Lord [illegible] encouraging. [illegible] Is there much prayer, much effort for the [illegible]

I heard from Mr. Pierce [illegible]

Very fraternally yrs

Miss. House, Boston
May 19. 1862

Rev. N. M. Pierce
Salamanca, N.Y.

Dear Brother

Your favor of the 15th inst. has duly reached me. I had hoped to hear that the Spirit of the Lord was descending upon your Reservation. The history of our work there, for the last few years, has not been very encouraging. I long to hear that the day of rebuke has passed, & that many are turning from sin to holiness.

I should be glad to know more fully the state of the ch. Is there much prayer, much earnest desire, much effort for the conversion of the impenitent? Do Christians seem to be growing in grace? Are they in sympathy with Christ, in respect to the enlargement of his Kingdom? A reply to these questions will enable to understand better the state of things. I send herewith Jas. Pierce's

Very fraternally yours, S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 21 1862

Rev. A. Wright

Seneca Sta. Dear Bro.

Yours of the 6th I
recd on the 12th I am sorry to hear that you
are not improving in health, but hope that
your present visit will be of permanent value
to you. In order to facilitate your recovery, so far
as it lies in my power, I have been diligently at
work to find a co-laborer for you. Perhaps I have
succeeded; though I am not sure of it.

After due inquiry I concluded to write to
Rev. Danl. Wright Jr. to engage in this service. I
recd an answer saying that he was willing to
consider the matter; & yesterday I went to Natick
to see him. I requested (& urged) him to visit
Cattaraugus, & remain several weeks, that he
might relieve you temporarily, & see whether the

Lord did not call him to a longer service there

I hope he will go, & that soon; but there are some hinderances.

I have asked him to let me know his decision as soon as may be; & on hearing from him I will inform you without delay.

On your way to ~~[illegible]~~ Peoria I suppose you will visit Alleghany. I hope you will see how matters go on there, especially what Dr. Peirce is doing. Ought we to continue his support any longer? Please to give me your opinion.

Kindest regards to Mrs. W. & all.

faithfully & very affectionately,

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
May 24 1862

Rev. A. Wright
Seneca

Dear Brother

In mine of the 2d I expressed the hope that Rev. A. Wright Jr. would visit you soon, with a view to remaining as a missionary there in case Providence should seem to call him to such an office. Have rec'd two letters from him; & I am happy to say that he is intending to go to Cattaraugus, ~~soon~~ in the course of a few days, & see what the Lord would have him do.

Mr. Wright is perhaps 45; though I am not informed as to his age. He is known to [illegible] over other ministers, & he has a good report of brethren everywhere. He is not brilliant; is very deficient in animation as a speaker; but his sermons, I suppose, will be solid & instructive. He is a fair scholar, of unquestioned piety, and an excellent administrator. He has unusual skill in keeping things in good condition. He can look after things quite as well as most ~~things~~ men.

I shall expect him to be prudent & useful in his intercourse with the Indians. In fact, saving the point of animation, he seems to be well fitted for the post. I feel sure that he will hold [illegible] but his gifts of popularity [illegible] no doubt, & help; as I shall be there, endeavour to give him some idea of Indian preaching. You would do it much better than I. I have some hope that he will lay aside a part of his modesty, & put on more of boldness & demonstration. Were he to do so, I think he would do well.

I have requested Mr. W. to go out experimentally. We will pay his expenses to & fro; also a compensation for each Sabbath. Of course, it is desirable that the Indians should be pleased with him; & yet I do not wish to put the matter of selecting a missionary too much into their hands. But you will understand the case, & will know what to do.

Mr. Wright will not be exacting in the matter of salary. If he joins your mission, it will be our duty to put the house in order. He has but one child; & she is teaching. After he is settled, therefore, he will not need an extravagant salary. It would be proper for us to pay the expenses of his removal, I presume.

Mrs W. is an excellent woman, not strong, somewhat nervous, naturally impulsive, but she will try, I have no doubt, to help, as shall be in her power. Both she & her husband are interested in the missionary work.

I hope that the Lord will indicate his pleasure that Mr & Mrs W. are to be our fellow laborers. At any rate, he will come & relieve you for a time. That will be something. May the Peninsula forests prove an effective medicine.

Kind regards to Mrs W. & all with you.

Very fraternally
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S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
May 26 1862

Rev. N. Lord D.D.
Hanover N.H.

Revd & Dear Sir.

Your account was submitted to the Prudential Comm'-tee today & approved; & I send herewith $341.85, the total of all the bills which you left [illegible] Saturday A.M.

The Comm'-ee approve the rule which you have made, not to pay bills incurred without your knowledge & consent; & they do not wish to weaken it themselves, or have you modify it. But as the circumstances [illegible] are exceptional, they feel justified in allowing the old bills, inasmuch as they seem to be honest, & were contracted in apparent ignorance of the rule, now as they have been in past days.

They do not wish, however, to have the present payment become a precedent which shall embarrass either you or themselves. They trust it will not.

Very respectfully
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
May 27. 1862

Rev. A. Wright
Seneca. Dear Brother

Rev. Wright expects to be with you Saturday A.M. He proposes to leave Buffalo for Evans Centre by the morning train. He will spend the [illegible] Rochester, & proceed to Buffalo by the early train, & thence go to Evans.

This program is made in the supposition that the trains run now as they have run in past years. If any change has been made, there may be some disarrangement.

Hope you will have some one meet Mr. W. at Evans

soon he will receive others to the school, very fortunately [illegible] present. He will endeavor to act wisely, I have no doubt.

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
May 27 1862

John Lowe Esq
Edinburgh

Dear Sir,

Our Com^e held their annual meeting yesterday, & approved the account of Dr. Lord. They have authorized me to draw for the amount £68.7.5 at thirty days. The bill will reach you in due time.

I send herewith the letter of Dr Lord to myself (copied), which cannot fail to gratify you, so far as the young men, heretofore aided by you, are concerned. How soon he will receive others to the school, cannot be known at present. He will endeavor to act wisely, I have no doubt.

P.S. Mr Wright continues, with his excellent wife, to labor among the Seneca Indians who are making manifest progress in civilization. While some [illegible] the fathers & [illegible] are preparing for the [illegible] of the righteous in the presence of the Lamb.

I remain, as ever, your obedient servant,

S. B. Treat

P.S. You know, I presume, that funds are held in Scotland for the support of Indian youth at Hanover N.H. Some $600 per year have been expended in past time. No one is now there now enjoying the benefits of the endowment. Dr Lord, of late, has proposed young men from the Choctaws & Cherokees; but the civil war cuts them off at present. Are there any Senecas who would be good subjects for him? Think of it, & write me or him.

Yrs T.

Miss. House Boston

Rev S. L. Hobbs &c
Northampton NH

June 9. 1862

Dear Brother

As you have never received a paper from me, dated June 23. 1860 setting forth your ownership of the property of the A.B.C.F.M. at Lenox on the 26th of July 1857, by reason of certain resolutions passed by that Board at their meeting at that time, I send herewith a duplicate of the same.

Very fraternally

Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston

June 9. 1862

Hon. Wm P. Dole,
Com. of Ind. Affairs

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith a report of our boarding school at Hazlewood, Minnesota; also the report of Miss Williamson at Pajutazee, in the same state.

Very respectfully
Your obed. servant

S. B. Treat
Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House. Boston
June 12. 1862

Rev. G. W. Wood D.D.
Whitehall N.Y.

Dear Brother

In regard to the mode of getting to Odanah, I need say nothing more. Let me suggest, however, that you may perhaps return via St Paul. The return by boat will be the easiest; but the other route will have variety at least, & possibly it may save you from embarrassment in regard to the Sabbath. I would advise you, therefore, to get all the information you can, on the boat to Bayfield, & at Bayfield, respecting the overland journey to St Paul. I will now refer to matters of business.

1. As I said last Tuesday, the most important question for you to consider will be the continuance of Mr Wheeler at Odanah. My impression is, that it is better for us to have him remain. If I felt sure of getting the right man to take his place, I should feel differently; but it will be almost impossible to do this; & I dread the experiment. I trust you will confer with Mr Spencer & Dr Ellis in regard to the desirableness of Mr W's stay; then you will know just what to say.

If I am correct in my view [illegible] they are reasonable, & I [illegible] the point [illegible] anon: Do the interests of [illegible] W. [illegible] to close her labors at Odanah?" I have confidence in her & Miss W's readiness to discharge their duty to the Indians & the Kingdom of Christ. [illegible] it may appear that they have good reasons for retiring now. If so we must relinquish our hold [illegible] them God speed, & do the best we can to supply their place.

(c) [illegible] will notice that Mr W. [illegible] inadequacy to the work of a missionary. But I think it better for us to retain him all things considered, his mind may be relieved in this regard. You will know how to set this matter before him.

Also it will be well for you [illegible] to consider, whether he may not do his at Odanah for any [illegible] in health quite as fast as he could anywhere elsewhere, & still be very useful. If he desires out-door labor, he can have it now [illegible] such as [illegible] come [illegible] it, I can handle [illegible] a better arrangement for him, if he will only use [illegible] I suppose.

(d) Financial matters will need special attention.

(e) It will be well for you to explain the [illegible] Mr W. [illegible] Henry Blatchford's & the old [illegible] I suppose approval they are reasonable; & I would not urge my inquiries to any great extent. You will easily satisfy yourself, I doubt not. (b) Are the other expenditures wisely made? Is the boarding school economically conducted? I will say, in general, that I believe all at Odanah are ready to do what is right, & that they are economical, in fact; & I do not feel that we are called upon to put them on short allowance. (c) It will be well to make some inquiries in regard to the farm. How much does it return the mission? Is it wisely managed? (d) There is a clause in the boarding school contract which requires him to account for the profits of the land set apart for the school. Mr. Gordon & myself think that Mr. Sherman had better keep a regular account with the U. S. Govt – crediting it with money received for any [illegible] sold, & also with the estimated value of what may be used in the school, & at the same charging the money which is paid for labor. Whether Mr. Sherman can charge his own labor is not quite clear. We are to teach the boys how to work; whatever is necessary for this purpose, I suppose, is not a fair charge; whatever is beyond this, I think may be charged. But let him make these separate items, & submit it to the agent for his approval

Mr Spencer may say that crediting the U. S. with the vegetables used in the school will be onerous & inconvenient. This is true. but I see not how to avoid the necessity, unless the agent will relieve him from it, in some way.

3. There has been some difficulty in regard to the school reports & vouchers, but I believe the matter is understood, all around, now. Our brethren at Odanah had better send the documents to us, as they are doing, & we will care for the rest.

I have requested Mr W. to have separate reports made for the day school, quarterly. The contract requires reports for the boarding school half yearly only. It will do no harm to send them quarterly.

4. In regard to the mission work proper, (including the boarding school,) two things may be done. (a) You may inquire into its state & prospects. What has been accomplished? How many chh members? How do they appear? How large the congregation on the average? What labor is performed? How many meetings? How much visiting? Here you will see what Henry Blatchford does. What is the prospect of an increase of the congregation from persons at Odanah & elsewhere? What are the adverse influences?

(6) You [illegible] those suffering to make what will be of value. They will be received kindly, [illegible] doubt. [illegible] come back [illegible] unfinished,

(7) You will always be able to perform a good service to the other [illegible] of this missionary band [illegible] isolated [illegible] they [illegible] cheerful & cheering words. Let them know that we do not forget them. Above all remind them that Christ does not forget them. This [illegible] is not confined to those who occupy central positions. The very fact that they are so far away from their friends, will [illegible] the more dear to obtain [illegible] the Master's presence & blessing of the Lord [illegible] something for the people by direct [illegible] on the Sab. [illegible] they [illegible] of [illegible] daily [illegible] In case, you should, you may wish to know what I said in 1856. Since I send the Journal & Dayspring, in which you will find my sketch, written just after the visit.

(8) Mr. [illegible] may consult you in regard to the [illegible] affairs. You have the documents, & may have some wisdom for him. I can hardly advise him, without knowing more of the circumstances.

I might say more; but I have not time to you who are so familiar with the missionary work. it was scarcely necessary to say so much. I trust you will have a pleasant visit, & that you will come back invigorated & refreshed, besides encouraging & comforting our "fellow workers unto the Kingdom of God" now at Odanah. May the Lord bestow his blessings upon you, & upon them, most graciously & abundantly!

Very fraternally

Y[ours]

S. B. Treat

Dr Perkins came into the place which we proposed after you left.

The Journal & Dayspring goes down at Whitehall direct, not to the care of Mr Myers

Miss. House Boston
June 12. 1862

Rev. L. H. Wheeler
Ojibwas —

Dear Bro.

I have fully expected to visit you soon, till last Tuesday. But I found Monday that I was to be embarrassed, because I must be here June 25. & I expect to be at Andover, as a visitor, Aug. 5-7. Now I cannot take a Cleveland boat, & yet be at home on the above dates, without being out on the Sabbath which I dislike to do very much. I wrote to Chicago some time ago, to learn about boats from that place, but I have no answer.

In these circumstances I have proposed to Bro Wood, our New York Secretary, to go in my stead. He needs the benefit of such a trip; he has been a missionary, & can sympathize with ~~them~~ you most fully; & he has an extensive knowledge of missionary operations. I have no doubt that you will greatly enjoy his visit.

I have written to him fully in regard to the points to be looked at, especially the matter of your continuance at Odanah. I think you will stay; & that it is best for you & us. While I was writing, [illegible] the [illegible] to here, Mr [illegible] & his wife called to see me & found that they agreed with me that you had better stay.

I have not time to say more. The Board is very [illegible]; & I feel confident that you will rejoice in his coming.

Kindest regards to Mrs. R. & your household.

Very fraternally Yrs S. B. T.

Miss. Rooms Boston
June 13. 1866

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Dakotas

Dear Brother

Your note of April 12 is duly rec'd — as Dr. Asa D. Smith & Dr. Griffith were representing the Board at the meeting of the Gen. Assembly, & as Dr. Lord, of the Ceylon mission [illegible] date, I did not feel that there was any work that I ought to require of you.

I wrote to Dr. Lord, informing him that you were to be ~~present~~ a member of the Assembly, & suggesting that you be one of the speakers at the evening meeting to be held in behalf of missions. I also said that you made a very good 15 minutes speech at Boston. I was glad to find that you were embraced in the program; & I learn from Dr. Griffith that you left a good impression upon the audience. This was one reason, I noticed, why he did not follow you.

I supposed that there would be discussion on missions during the session of the Assembly

Miss. House Boston
June 13. 1862

Rev S. R. Riggs
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I do not expect many copies. [illegible] do

[illegible] Mr. Greene informs me that they are [illegible] for

prepared to such a discussion. I regret that

it should not have been held; for I think

[illegible] new [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

a little light on that subject. They are not

quite up to the demands of the enterprise.

[illegible] the matter of repairing the school house

I have brought before the Com^ee. They think

that the building should be put in order

[illegible] authority to use the remain-

der [illegible] money for that purpose. But if you

cannot get it, the repairs had better be

made nevertheless. There is no true economy

in endangering health.

In regard to a new station on the

Missouri, I have nothing definite to say.

Our finances are too precarious to warrant

our entering upon such an undertaking.

We are getting along without serious trouble

now; but we do not feel confident as to

the future. We cannot foresee the effect of

the tax bill is to have upon the community. Men

of moderate incomes may be tempted to cut

down their charities; if so we shall suffer

severely.

I do not expect heavy taxes. Nor do [illegible] Boston mourn over a protracted war. We may close the conflict too soon. What we need, most of all, is to put an end to the danger which has been impending over us by reason of slavery. Any settlement that leaves the danger impending will cost too much. On the contrary, if it takes this peril, actually or virtually, we can afford to pay well for it.

Kindest regards to Mrs Riggs, your children, & all with you. [illegible] note, to remind you of the report [illegible] expect soon.

Faithfully paternally

Last year I said nothing to you in season on this subject; the consequence was that I did not hear from you by the time I was making out my share of the Ann. Report.

Please to send this note to your son John, or in some other way let him know that I wish to receive his report in July. I hope to hear good news from him.

We have had less trouble with our currency than we have anticipated. Still we cannot without solicitude as we look forward to the future. We fear the effect of the tax bill on the community.

Miss. House Boston
June 13. 1862

Rev. T. S. Williamson M.D.
Dakota Mission

Dear Brother

Your letter of April 11th I received in due time; also the report of your sister, a copy of which has gone to Washington. Please to thank her for it.

I send herewith a printed note, to remind you of the report which I shall expect soon. Last year I said nothing to your mission, on this subject; the consequence was that I did not hear from you by the proper time for making out my share of the Ann. Report.

Please to send this note to your son John, or in some other way let him know that I wish to receive his report in July. I hope to hear good news from him.

We have had less trouble with our finances than we have anticipated. Still we are not without solicitude as we look forward to the future. We fear the effect of the tax bill on the community.

The war lingers, but not too long. "The slower, the surer." We want no compromise peace. The great R. which is shaking all the pillars of our govt. to their very foundations must be crushed, if we are to have a stable peace. The greatest victory that we have yet achieved, was at Bull Run; if that had crushed the rebellion in July last, we should today have had a worse job looming up before us in the future. Now there is like to be [illegible] the Lord understands better than our politicians; surely He can do it. Let the praise be His alone. [illegible] that it may reach you [illegible] Good bye. [illegible] you, sister, children and all.

Very affectionately yours,
R. B. Hayes

[illegible] I suggest a mode of keeping the [illegible], & I think we have a right to charge the money paid for labor, at any rate; but I would waive any charge for labor performed by the Superintendent, & I suppose you adopt this course. Lay out work that will give full employment to the boys for the season, (i.e. so much as they may properly do,) hire only that is necessary to carry out the plan, & charge the cost, submitting the facts to the agent. In other words, let the boys do all the work which they can do, & let hired men do enough to work the machinery

Miss. House Boston
June 14. 1862

Rev L. H. Wheeler
Ojibwa Mission

Dear Brother,

I send herewith a copy of Mr Dole's letter to Mr. Gordon. He is disposed to be rigid in the interpretation of the contract in regard to the proceeds & profits; & I am sorry that I did not receive the communication a little earlier. I send off the copy, however, with the least possible delay, in the hope that it may reach you before the Board leaves.

In my letter to him, I suggest a mode of making the account of the proceeds, &c. I think we have a right to charge the money paid for labor, at any rate; but I would waive any charge for labor performed by the Superintendent, teacher, &c. Suppose you adopt this course. Lay out work that will give full employment to the boys for the season, (i.e. so much as they may properly do) & hire only what is necessary to carry out the plan, & charge the cost, submitting the facts to the agent. In other words, let the boys do all the work which they can do, & let hired men do enough to work the machinery.

After you have read this, [illegible] it may be well to send me the paragraphs which you have adopted, so that Mr Spencer may do it, to [illegible] I will write to Mr Dale on the subject, so that we may have a perfect understanding. If you choose, you may [illegible] exact [illegible] you will say that [illegible] evidence from these boys. I should like to [illegible] how you have committed any sin which the Lord

I say nothing to you of Mr Wood [illegible] about the teacher that was [illegible] at Odanah. You know I [illegible] Mr Dale with suspended judgment in the case, till I should have visited Odanah. Nor do I then [illegible] to write to Mr Dale [illegible] to [illegible] what I [illegible] to write [illegible] through Mr Wood, or by letter.

For your own sake, [illegible] the Holy Ghost, it is best that you make full [illegible]; else I should be disposed to treat the matter with a good deal of indulgence. [illegible] I think, will be promoted by your doing all that conscience prescribes. Of that you must be the judge.

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
June 16. 1862

Mr B. F. Hall
Catt: Reservation.

Dear Brother

Your letter of June (no day) I have rec^d. I have read it with surprise & regret, having always had the utmost confidence in you & all your family. I am not willing to believe that you have committed any sin which the Lord will not freely forgive, if you exhibit a becoming spirit. I trust that you will so earnestly & humbly return to him that the light of his countenance will rest upon you, even more sweetly & fully than ever. His compassions are wonderful! Like as a father pitieth his children, (& much more,) so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

For your own peace & joy in the Holy Ghost, it is best that you make full restitution; else I should be disposed to treat the matter with a good deal of indulgence. Your future quiet & hope, I think, will be promoted by your doing all that conscience prescribes. Of that you must be the judge.

S. B. Treat

If I understand your statements, you think that you ought to restore to the Board $400; of this you have paid $126 (besides $85 or so to the Asylum) leaving $274. Now I doubt whether it is best (for you or us) to have the Minnesota land transferred to us. Let me propose rather that you pay a certain sum in cash, (just what you can pay without distressing yourself) & give your note or notes for the balance. You can have them (two or three) on time, & negotiable, as you think you shall be able to meet them.

How does this plan strike you? I am anxious to do just what is right, & the bruised reed I would not break; on the other hand, I would pursue a course that meets all the demands of justice & righteousness.

I pray the blessed Saviour (who knows how frail we all are) to enable you to honor him & his gospel & his Chh. by showing more clearly than ever that you are one of his jewels!

Very truly

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S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
July 3. 1862

Mrs. Ashr. Wright
Natick Ms

Dear Madam

I have not heard from Mr Wright, since he went to Catt.s nor have I received any letter from Mr Wright. As I am expecting to go into Berkshire Co. on the 12th of July, to be absent there for about ten days, I write to inquire when you expect your husband back, & also how he seems to like his Indian work.

I will thank you to furnish me with the materials for my report on the Seneca mission, so far as they are to come from you. I am anxious to have my Indian reports prepared as early as practicable, as we are apt to be hurried towards the annual meeting.

Kind regards to your family

Very respectfully yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
July 3. 1862

Rev. N. H. Pierce
Allegheny Res.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 28th ult. I have just rec'd. I am very sorry to hear of this sad affliction, which has come upon the Indians. I sincerely hope that it may be blessed to the survivors, in leading them to put their trust in the ~~ever~~ faithful God. Perhaps this is the design of Providence in this trial. May it prove so, through the divine blessing, in the end.

I will thank you to furnish me with the materials for my report on the Seneca mission, so far as they are to come from you. I am anxious to have my Indian reports prepared as early as practicable, as we are apt to be hurried towards the annual meeting.

Kind regards to your family.
Very fraternally yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
July 3. 1862

Rev. A. Wright,
Senecas.

Dear Brother,

I have been looking to hear from you in relation to the probability of Br. Wright's becoming associated with you. Not a word has come to me, as to how he likes the Indians, or they him.

I suppose you have been absent from home. Indeed, through Mr. A. H. Pierce, I heard of you at Allegany; but I suppose that you must have returned by this time, I hope with health greatly improved. If you have, please to enlighten me in regard to Br. Wright's impression of & on the Indians.

I must ask you, also, to send me materials for my report on your mission as soon as may be. Our prepara=tion for the Ann. Meeting is apt to become crowded toward the close; hence I wish to have the Indian reports ready as soon as may be. Please [illegible] they [illegible] mind.

[illegible] that Rev. Pierce (N. Y.) would [illegible] in regard to Jos. Pierce, whether we should continue to employ him, &c. &c. How it [illegible] the result. I confess I have serious doubts in the premises, but I am open to conviction.

It would give me great pleasure to make a very favorable report in regard to the Seneca mission. How shall I be able to do so? Shall [illegible] the Mighty, [illegible] he will [illegible] as soon as I can.

Kindest regards to Mrs. W. & all your fellow-workers unto the Kingdom of God.

Very sincerely & fraternally,

S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms Boston

July 5. 1862

Mr. B. B. Hall

Dear Brother

Yours of the 28th [illegible] I have conferred with [illegible] on the subject discussed therein. [illegible] As to the [illegible] we should know whether Mr. Wright will conclude to go to [illegible] it shall seem best for him to do [illegible] the means [illegible] arrangement. The [illegible] we should [illegible] considerable [illegible] discount [illegible] to [illegible]. Had you not better keep it?

It has occurred to me that you might make a term with Mr. Wright for $100. Let $100 due you from the Orphan Asylum be credited to Mr. W. so that you receive $100 less and we pay the Asylum $100 less. How does the plan strike you? Very truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
July 5. 1862

Mr. B. F. Hall
Alleghany Res.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 28th ult. Have rec^d — & I have conferred with Mr Gordon on the subject discussed therein.

As to the horse, we don't know whether Bro. Wright will conclude to go to Catt. If it shall seem best for him to do so, & he wishes to have the horse, we will consent to the arrangement. The watch we should probably sell, at a considerable discount. It is really worth more to you than to us. Had you not better keep it?

It has occurred to me that you might make a trade with Mr. Wright for $100. Let $100 due you from the Orphan Asylum be credited to us by Mr. W. so that you receive $100 less & we pay the Asylum $100 less. How does this plan strike you? Very truly &c S. B. Treat

Mass. House, Boston
July 15. 1862

Mr. B. F. Hall
Coll. Kes.

Dear Brother.

In reply to yours of the 8th I will say that it did not seem to me that the question of int. could embarrass the adjustment in regard to which you have written: & I thought that the matter of the holding the notes could be easily disposed of, when every thing else should be arranged.

I will add, however, that the int. which you think you ought to pay us, may be cancelled by int. what the Asylum owes you. To this plan we assent very willingly.

Mr. Gordon prefers that the notes should be sent to *him*. I presume Mr. Wright will make the loan of the $100. as I suggested; but if he declines doing so, then make the notes so as to *include* the $100.

I have just rec.d yours of the 8th & reply at once. Kind regards to Mrs Hall

Very sincerely
yrs

S. P. Treas

Miss. House, Boston
July 11. 1862

Mrs. J. E. Swain
Newport Ne

Dear Mrs S.

Your letter to Dr. Anderson, has been placed in my hands, that I may write to Mr. Atkins; which I have done.

It grieves me to learn that you are ill; but if you are really near "the better land," I feel almost like congratulating you on your prospect. To depart & be with Christ is preferable to any earthly lot; & though we should be willing to serve him, as long as he requires it, we may well rejoice when the message of release comes. This have I felt for years; & the thought of going home is becoming more & more pleasant.

We shall be perfectly willing to leave your relation to the Board just as it now is. Mr. Ramsay & Mr. Tobey are released; from Mr. Willey we have heard nothing for a long time. We know nothing of his history during the past year.

The Lord has been very gracious to us since the war commenced. Since the beginning of May, however, our receipts have fallen off so we are somewhat anxious in regard to the future.

May our blessed Redeemer keep you in perfect peace. I have no doubt that He will do it to the end.

We very affectionately sympathize

yours

S. B. Treat.

Miss. Rooms Boston
July 31. 1862

Chs. Aikin Esq
Appleton Wis.

Dear Sir.

I learn from Miss Swaine that Mary Willey (the daughter of Rev. W. Willey) is living with you; that she is cut off from all communication with her parents; & that you have written to her (Miss S) in regard to the question of support.

We have had no communication with Mr. W. for a long time; we have had no request from him to do any thing for his daughter. I write to inquire what are the facts. Will you have the goodness to inform me how much you consider as due you from Mr. Willey? What further aid will you need?

On receiving your reply, the case can be laid before the Comee; & they will be disposed to do what they can.

Very respectfully yrs S. B. Treat

Boston
Aug. 1. 1862

Rev. L. H. Wheeler
Ojibwas.

Dear Brother

Your letter of the 8th ult. from Marquette, I have received & I have had full conferences with Mr. Wood in regard to his visit.

I rejoice that he has gained so much in health; & a pleasant impression was made upon him by what he saw & heard. I knew you would be delighted with him. Besides his intrinsic worth, he has had missionary experience, & this enables him to enter more readily into the sympathies of missionaries.

As ~~soon~~ as he shall leave here, he will go to Washington (provided the Com'r is there.) We have ~~had~~ talked over the matters to be discussed with Mr. Dole; & I will write after.

You speak of future disappointment growing out of my visit to Odanah

I have had a conversation with Mr Wood in reference to this matter; & I am prepared to recommend her going to Painesville. I was at the school there, & think very highly of it. She had better go at the beginning of the next term.

Now for the ways & means. Tell me what you want, & we will see how much we can do. Something I will promise; the exact amount must be determined hereafter. I am ready to ask the Conf.ce to allow a scholarship at Painesville (of fifty dollars a year) if that will be enough. I will wait till I hear from you. But tell Julia, at once, to be making her calculations for entering the school at Painesville.

As soon as Mr Wood has been to Washington, he will have a report to make to you; perhaps I shall have something to say. [illegible]

Very fraternally yours,

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 7. 1862

Rev A. Wright
Seneca

Dear Brother

Your letter of July I have not formally acknowledged; though you will infer from my last that I duly received it.

I am sorry to say that the physicians decide against Mr. Wright's going to Cattaraugus. Dr. Jeffries has given his opinion this time. This is a serious disappointment to me, as Mr. W. would have been very useful to the Senecas, in a variety of ways. He has a good deal of constructive power, & could have aided them in respect to all their interests.

Both Mr & Mrs. W. are very sorry that the decision is adverse. He had become much interested in the people, & had many thoughts as to what might be done for them. Mrs W. was anxious that he should go, believing him to be fitted for such a work; but the will of the Lord is not so.

This, I doubt not, will be a sad disappointment to you & Mrs W. I know not where to find the proper man. Mr Hitchcock, late a missionary at Ceylon, could be had, I presume, either now or soon. He is an excellent worker, of a good age, & has a missionary spirit; & is well spoken of for his labors in Ceylon; but I suppose his judgment is not equal to all the [illegible]; & he [illegible] with difficulty [illegible] & might not always [illegible] people [illegible] the Dakota language. Whichever way I look, there is some difficulty; or there is an impossibility of locomotion. Still I will keep my eyes open.

[illegible] your [illegible] as soon as possible. Have [illegible] to help you, if you can get those that will really help. Mr Hill will not answer for your people, will he? He was willing to return to Allegheny, after Potter left.

Please to send your report as soon as may be. If you have not reported to Scotland lately, as I suppose you have not, it may be in season for Scotland. Kindest regards to Mrs W. &c.

Very fraternally yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

August 14. 1862

Miss. House Boston

Aug. 13. 1862

Chs. Aiken Esq.
Appleton. Wis.

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 8th arrived two days ago. Yesterday I laid the matter before the Pru'l Com. They authorize me to say to you that you can draw on James M. Gordon, Treas. of the A.B.C.F.M. for $100 at your convenience, to enable you to educate Mary Willey as you have proposed.

We are still without any intelligence from Mr Willey.

Very respectfully
Yours
S. B. Treat
Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House Boston
August 14. 1862

Hon. Wm. P. Dole,
Comr. of Indian Affairs.

Sir.

I have the honor to send herewith the reports from the two schools under our direction, among the Dakotas, for the quarter ending June 30 1862.

I remain, very respectfully
your obedt. servant,

S. B. Treat,
Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House, Boston,
August 15th 1862.

To the Dakota Mission

Dear Brethren,

I have to acknowledge two letters from Dr Williamson, dated May 29 & July 2; one from Mr Riggs dated July 22; one from J. P. Williamson, dated July 21; also reports from the Hazlewood school & the Pajutazee school for the two last quarters. I thank you for sending the needed reports so early, as I am thereby relieved from preparing my report when most pressed by labor.

If I understand the state of things in your fields, there is progress, but more in the material than the spiritual. Civilization is receiving quite an impulse; which is well. The churches are receiving a few accessions; but there is more gain in the character & conduct of the communicants than a few baptisms would indicate. Still you need a stronger development in this direction, in order that [illegible] affairs may be duly subordinated to the go[illegible] motives, & that frequently

This is one matter which missionaries find it somewhat difficult to manage at times. In the early stages of their work, if among a barbarous people they naturally give a good deal of prominence to general improvement. They get the current started in the direction, after years of toil; but after a time they discover that there is more love for material progress than for a spiritual change.

I suppose that this experience is well nigh universal, in missions which undertake to raise men from the lower strata of human society. It is not a matter for discouragement or self-reproach, therefore; but the true method is to keep the two kinds of progress side by side, each auxiliary to the other, as far as possible, stimulating & checking, here & there, as the case seems to require, & praying constantly for those enlightening & sanctifying influences which can alone keep the ingredients in their due proportion.

Allow me to suggest, (as our attention is often called to this subject,) that you seek to press upon your able members, & that frequently, rather than which those should be [illegible] [illegible] that useful [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] the best of these [illegible] [illegible], which naturally [illegible] [illegible]. But probably [illegible] is thereby [illegible]; for the [illegible] of the Christian. The enlargement of the soul, under the [illegible] influences of the gospel, with the employment of its energies for the benefit of the [illegible], the is [illegible] the [illegible] of every age & clime. [illegible] will be [illegible] [illegible] ([illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]. The [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]; [illegible] much to [illegible] that, which [illegible], & especially to make as great a potential as possible the [illegible]. If we [illegible] [illegible] we shall [illegible] that [illegible] they would [illegible] [illegible]

After all, the thing which [illegible] [illegible] for themselves [illegible] others [illegible] the divine providence, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] working [illegible] [illegible] the different tendencies which they [illegible] about them: [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] promise the blood-guilt in such measure that your labors shall be always easy & always successful! God is able to make your feet as [illegible] & have the captivity of those around you as the blessing of the earth.

The war drags its slow length along; but I am not impatient. We have a great problem to work out; it takes time! Too much haste would cause great disaster. Some complain of the President, some of this or that General; but the Lord has the conflict in his keeping, & all is safe. Our defeats have been our greatest victories. We must have a fierce contest, in order to a righteous peace.

Our funds are diminishing, by reason of the urgent calls to aid the soldiers. We shall close the year with a debt; but we shall not be in despair. The Lord has been very merciful; & we must trust to his compassions still. Kindest regards to all in the mission. Very fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Aug 26 1862

Rev G. H. Pond &
Rev. S. W. Pond

Dear Brethren,

The tidings which come to us from your State are distressing; & if all which is said shall prove true, we shall be appalled by the calamity which has over-taken our beloved missionaries. I cannot but hope & believe that the matter is over-stated, as we might expect in such circumstances.

If any of the missionaries are spared they will inform us of what has happened in due time. But if, alas! they are all swept away, I will thank one of you to give us as accurate a history of this terrible tragedy as you can.

And should there be any thing which the Board ought to do immediately, I will thank you to see that it is done, it being understood that no heavy expenditure is to be incurred without the sanction of the Presidential Com^ee - first being secured.

Should you incur any moderate expenditure in complying with the foregoing requests, we will see that you are duly indemnified.

Very fraternally

Y^rs

F. B. Sears.

Mission House, Boston,
Sept 4th 1862.

Rev. S. R. Riggs
St Paul, Min.

Dear Brother,

On reaching the Miss. Rooms this morning, I was greatly relieved by learning that all our dear missionaries among the Dakotas were safe. Mr Mattocks has very kindly written to us from day to day, & we had full telegrams, giving date Aug 23; & yesterday a letter arrived with a memo. outside, that you & Dr Williamson, & families were safe. But it was not until so that what he had written of life or safety, & your letter of Aug 22 & 23 & half of all [illegible] upon me at once. It has made the day seem very pleasant to [illegible], though the clouds over Washington, Cincinnati, Louisville are truly portentous. I praise the Lord for his great goodness to all the missionary band! May we all show our thankfulness in ways that shall please him.

I confess that I should have had many

[illegible]; & I could not [illegible] before; all that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it is too soon to say many things. [illegible] have on this subject, I shall be happy to receive.

Sept 4 186[illegible]

Meantime, I hope you will give me, as soon as may be, a succinct history of this sad tragedy. 1. What is the real origin of the outbreak? Is it confined to your Indians, or does it involve others in the North West? Have Secession agents had a hand in the business? There is a singular coincidence between the general movement of [illegible] all along the border states, & this [illegible] raid. 2. It will be well to give us a [illegible] sketch of the exposures & escape of the mission families, a little more full than [illegible]. You need not relate the [illegible] of the outrages. 3. What part have the Christian Indians taken in this business? Whatever [illegible] should be said. Do they [illegible] the honor of the Gospel?

[illegible] Christian love to Mrs R. & all your family; & Dr. Williamson's also. I have not heard of [illegible], but shall in due time. [illegible]

Mrs Riggs in her acct of his trial & escape [illegible]

Instances of Indian fidelity

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Sept. 4. 1862

Rev. J. Mattocks
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Brother,

Your letters of the 25th, 26th, 27th & 28th ulto. with newspaper extracts, came safely to hand. We are much obliged to you for your endeavors to give us the fullest information in regard to your dear missionaries. The bald statement of violence & bloodshed had reached us by telegraph; but some things you have supplied. And now all is told. Our feelings of relief are great, all the greater that we have lost two excellent brethren by violence within a few months; & the wife of one died in 2 days after her husband because of the shock she had so suddenly received, one of the noblest of women!

I hope still to hear that the 'Renvilles' have escaped. I trust that Mr Riggs, in his acct. of his trials & escapes, will duly honor Other Day. Instances of Indian fidelity in such an emergency are of great value to the cause of missions.

You will have learned that I wrote to Messrs. S. W. & G. H. Pond in regard to the disaster on the Minnesota River, asking them to do whatever should seem necessary, in case of the death of the missionaries.

Thanking very sincerely for your kindness, I remain

Very truly yrs

S. B. Treat

P. S. Please to see that Mr. Riggs gets the enclosed.

Sept. 12. 1863

Rev. A. Wright, Miss.
Cattaraugus Res.

Dear Brother.

Your report of July 1, letter of Aug. 1, & Mrs. Wright's of Aug. 27, have all reached the Mission. I am glad to hear that, you are off for the woods, again. I wish I could have gone with you. I have not had any vacation this summer, though I have made two [illegible] efforts, in that direction.

I have read your report with interest. It might have been more favorable; but let us thank God & take courage for whatever good you are able to record. I am glad that you have mentioned the patriotism of the Senecas. Can you give me the number who have gone to the war from the two Reservations respectively? I should like to state it at the Annual Meeting.

The question which I asked you in mine of Aug. 27 in respect to Wm Hall,

was [illegible] dressed [illegible] with [illegible] clothes
feeling that he was [illegible] many Indians [illegible]
used for [illegible], as [illegible] clothes;
but I [illegible] felt [illegible] that he was [illegible]
at [illegible] supposed that [illegible]
[illegible], more difficult [illegible] as well
as [illegible] of his ability [illegible]
[illegible]
Hence he might [illegible], supposing that
we would probably [illegible], [illegible] anything
[illegible] I will try [illegible].

[illegible] that [illegible]
[illegible] as he [illegible]
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[illegible] the facts that [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] man [illegible]
[illegible] 24 h 72 6"; — such is the description

Before I rec^d Mr Wright's letter, I had conversed with a young man, just out of Andover, who would do well, I think. He could not go to Catt. just then, but thought that he might at a later day. This case is now suspended.

I think you had better report to me soon, if you can, how the Indians would receive Mr. Hall, & what his prospect of usefulness would be. If the case is clear, I will write to him at once. If not, I will try elsewhere.

Mr Wright speaks of the need of a better corps of teachers. I have a letter before me from Rev. J. N. Noble, Schaghticoke, N.Y. saying that Miss Harriet Van Antwerp, a member of the Presb. Chh. there, wishes to become a missionary teacher; we have no place for her. Perhaps she is just what you need. "A person of very decided & active piety, good health, good common sense, raised on a farm in a plain way;" has taught a common school, "with the confidence & respect of her employers" & "the affection of her pupils;" "well fitted for primary classes;" it is believed "would be indefatigable in her labors;" age "from 24 to 26;" — such is the description

I would suggest that Miss [illegible] Harriet Walter Noble, of Virginia [illegible] Miss E. J. Hancock [illegible] either open a correspondence.
Payson, Adams Co. Ill.

There is a good school at Painesville, on Miss Lyon's plan, Miss H. C. [illegible] I presume you can get good teachers from that quarter. The [illegible] came into my hands. The [illegible] of the Principal is Miss Lydia A. [illegible] but I would not [illegible] it for one [illegible] Painesville [illegible] I have not been able [illegible] although it was much [illegible] now.

In regard to laborers for the [illegible] Mr. W. I fear that there will be no opening. When the [illegible] the offers of service were much beyond the demand, & many remain on hand. If I learn any thing favorable, I will inform you.

Our Indian missions, I believe, are all supplied with laborers. These are very much reduced, as you know. And now I fear that our Dakota mission will come to an end.

I am obliged to write in the greatest haste; hence I must ask you to excuse my brevity. Very sincerely yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

Miss E. J. Hancock Sept. 22. 1862
Payson. Adams Co Ill.

Dear Miss H.

Yours of the 29th Aug. came into my hands Sept 4th; but I was not well; & for one reason or another, I have not been able to write you till now.

In regard to your laboring for the negroes, I fear that there will be no opening. When the field presented itself, the offers of service went much beyond the demand; & many remain on hand. If I learn any thing favorable, I will inform you.

Our Indian missions, I believe, are all supplied with laborers. These are very much reduced, as you know. And now I fear that our Dakota mission will come to an end.

I am obliged to write in the greatest haste; hence I must ask you to excuse my brevity. Very sincerely yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept. 23. 1862

Rev. T. S. Williamson
St. Peter Minn.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 8th inst. I rec'd four days ago. I had heard of your safety before, with the greatest thankfulness; for I had many fears that you were all numbered among the dead.

I thank you for your full history of your escape; & allow me to express the hope that you will give me as much information as possible in regard to the whole affair. I would like (1) to know more as to the cause of the outbreak. Has secessionism any thing to do with it? (2) What part have the Christian Indians borne in the contest? Have they kept clear of all outrages? Have they done what they could to save life? (3) What is to be the effect of the uprising for the Dakotas, & for our work? You will think of other matters that will be interesting & profitable to me.

I should be glad to be able to say that the Christian Indians have all behaved well. If the fact can be made out, it will have great value. I fear, however, that you will be obliged to report some shortcomings.

I have not proposed to agitate the question, "What are we to do hereafter?" But Mr. Cunningham comes to consider her work as done; she wishes to know what she can receive from the Board. This circumstance obliges us to have some reference, immediately, to future plans.

I hereby enclose a letter which I have written to him; & you will see that I wish the mission to take the case into consideration. Please to give us your best wisdom.

Please to assure Mrs W. Miss Jane Miss Nancy & all of my fraternal regard.

Very affectionately

yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept. 23. 1862

Mr. H. D. Cunningham
St. Peter. Minn.

Dear Brother

Yours of Aug. 29. I have duly rec^d. I hardly know what to say in reply. The Dakota outbreak is so unexpected & so astounding, that I have scarcely begun to forecast the future. But I suppose you will expect me to say something toward relieving your anxieties; & I have written to Dr. Williamson on the subject, who will give you my letter.

1. Is it clear that the boarding school must be given up? I fear that it is; but I think it well for the mission to consider whether it is improbable that your services will be needed hereafter. If they say "Yes", so much is settled. Then the question will be

2. How much should Mr C. receive from the Board, in view of the circumstances? It will be impossible for us to satisfy ourselves as to what is right, without the judgment of the mission. They understand the whole case, & we have great confidence in their fairness & discrimination.

We shall be ready to take up the case as soon as we have the materials for an intelligent decision; & I am sure that the Presd. Comee will endeavor to do what is proper in view of all the facts. In these times of war & trouble, we must practice the strictest economy, & still we have to do justice. Please to [illegible] some [illegible] a [illegible] report.

Very [illegible] truly

Yours

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] House [illegible] Boston
April 23 1862

Rev. [illegible]
[illegible]

My Dear Brother

Your letter of the 10th [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] trouble, but not supposing [illegible] [illegible] would see [illegible], and the [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] come. Thus, you see, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Miss. House, Boston,
Nov. 11. 1862.

Rev. A. Wright
Senecas.

Dear Bro.

Yours of the 27th ult. I duly rec'd. I set myself at once to considering what could be done for you. First, I tried again, as I have often tried, to find the young minister who would fill the place satisfactorily; but I did not succeed. He is certainly hard to find. I do not despair; but the date of success seems to be in the future.

But you need help, now, faithful help, & that immediately. In these circumstances, I wrote to Bro. Wright, & asked him to go to your relief, sending, at the same time, a copy of your letter to him. I have seen him this A.M. & he consents to go. He will inform you when you may expect him, probably about Dec. 1.

He goes, you will understand, for the present necessity, not expecting to remain permanently. (Meantime I shall be looking for that young man, who may be called to fill the place.) I hope, however, he will stay through the winter; possibly he may stay longer. It seems to me that he is precisely the man for you in your circumstances. If it is best for him not to remain long, there ~~will~~ will be no difficulty. Very fraternally, S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Nov. 22. 1862

Rev. W. H. Barrows
Stratford, Ct.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 15th came to the Miss. House while I was at the West. In reply to your inquiries I have to say,

1. The Cattaraugus Senecas reside about 25 miles beyond Buffalo, N. Y.

2. The salary would be $400, with a parsonage, & with an allowance for the education of children &c, should it be needed.

3. The work is that of preaching & pastoral care, mainly. The ch. has more than 100 members. Besides the labor performed in the interests of the congregation & ch. already gathered, there is a pagan population to be reached. The preaching is expected to be in English, through an interpreter, a part of the people understanding the former language.

4. It is not easy to state the qualifications in a few words. I will say, however, that the Senecas desire a young minister, & one to please them, especially as we are seeking to introduce the plan of self-

support in part of annuities, preliminary instruction, of undoubted piety & [illegible] [illegible] conversation, [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] works, [illegible] from none [illegible] pleasure. I will add that he should be a man of excellent judgement, of great self-control, patient [illegible], able to bear disappointment with calmness, not deficient in expedients, and the qualities of business, which we have [illegible] [illegible] to find this qualified [illegible], still more difficult, to induce the person to cast in his lot with these Indians. This I understand very well. [illegible] been an easy place to fill it would not now be vacant. But we en- [illegible] come as near as we can to the ideal man.

If you know the individual who unites the most important of these qualities & is willing to engage in such a service, I should be happy to learn his name.

[illegible] disposal [illegible] by a late [illegible], occasioned by a change in the treaty, we must have the approval of the Secretary of the Interior for these disbursements. Such an approval we have, as you will

Miss. House, Boston,
Nov. 29. 1862

Hon. Wm. P. Dole,
Comr of Indian Affairs.

Sir:

I have some fear that we shall introduce confusion into the matters of business, which we have with your Office. In consequence of an interview which I have had with Dr. Wood, our Secretary at New York, since he had the pleasure of seeing you at Washington, it seems desirable that I should present the record of these transactions which is en- [illegible] the Missionary House.

1. We received certain moneys under the treaty of New Echota, for improvements which we had made while attempting to benefit the Osages. Those moneys should have been placed at our unrestricted disposal, [illegible] by a law of Congress, or covered by a clause in the treaty; we must have the approval of the Secretary of the Interior for these disbursements. Such an approval we have, as you will

remuneration, in the interest of the Dakotas & Ojibwas; & I hope that we shall need nothing more, though I have had my fears that the recent outbreak among the former might necessitate a change. If, however, we can continue our efforts in behalf of these Indians with fair prospects of usefulness, we shall do so without question. Much, I need not say, will depend upon the policy of the U. S. Government.

7th. There is a contract between the Government & ourselves in the matter of the Ojibwa Boarding School, whereby we are to receive a certain allowance for the education of the pupils admitted thereto. Dr. Wood had a consultation with you on the expiration of this contract, which was entirely satisfactory, I believe. It is hardly necessary for me to say, that this matter of the boarding school is quite distinct from the Civilization Fund.

8th. The U. S. Gov. has ~~paid~~ made us, for many years, a certain allowance from the Civilization Fund, which we have expended for education among certain Indian tribes. I regret to learn from Dr. Wood that he has misled you in regard to our plan for the support of Miss Spear. We propose to take the requisite sum, not from moneys coming to us under the boarding school contract, but from the amount which your Department permits us to require from the Civilization Fund, keeping, of course, within the sum which we are now permitted to draw. I was surprised, I confess, to find that Dr. Wood had left such an impression on your mind; for we at the Missionary House have never entertained the idea for a moment.

The amount which we draw under the boarding school contract does little (if any) more than pay for the support of the pupils. The male teacher & the other employés depend upon us for their compensation. In these circumstances, it has seemed to me altogether just & equitable that we should be allowed to separate, pro forma, the boarding school from the day school, assigning the male teacher to the former, & Miss Spear to the latter, & at the same time permitting them to interchange their labors in such ways as may secure the best results for all the pupils.

These, you doubtless know, are too numerous for one teacher; & we should need to have a day school, if there were no boarding school, as we had, in fact, before the latter was established.

And the matter in reference to Miss Spear, in brief, stands thus: We propose to give her a part of the money which we are receiving from the Civilization Fund, making no additional claim upon the school fund. We believe that it is far better for the interests of the Ojibwas that she should continue under our direction. And I must be allowed to say, that if the Indian Agent is ~~allowed~~ permitted to have a school at Odanah under his direction, I shall regard the measure, (without any intended derangement flowing out from your Office,) as ominous of evil.

I am, Very respectfully, yrs

S. B. Treat.

Sec. ABCFM

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 1 1862

To the Dakota Mission

Dear Brethren.

I am surprised to find how much time has elapsed, since I wrote to any one of your number. It is not because I have been unmindful of you. The resolution which I introduced at Springfield, & the speech which I made in connection with it, would show the contrary. But the truth is, I have been excessively busy. I have not attempted to do what may be called necessary things, in all cases, only the most necessary things. For six weeks to come at least, I do not expect to be more at my ease.

I have rec^d letters from Mr. Riggs, Sept. 10, Sept. 15, Sept. 29; from Dr. Williamson, Oct. 17, Nov. 21; from Rev. Cunningham, Nov. 15; Mrs. Riggs, Oct. 3; Mr J. P. Williamson, Aug. 25, Nov. 5.

For all the information which I have received, I desire to express my sincere thanks. All that which could have been expected has been done in this regard. At some time, it may be well for the mission to prepare a narrative, carefully drawn and weighed, of the whole matter, which might be kept as a historical document. (I would suggest that it be quite full, though it include matters which may not be wisely published.) Of course your statement would be pleasing to the friends of the Board as to the matter. Such parts of it, therefore, as can be prudently put into the Herald, should have a place there. I will not indicate the time when the service shall be performed. As soon as you are ready to put the facts together, in the assurance that such matters ought to be known, we should be glad to hear from you.

Looking forward to the future, I must confess that I am hopeful. The clouds have seemed rather thick at times, but I have never lost faith. I was unwilling to believe that God had commenced a work among the Dakotas only to destroy it; that he had

gathered a few names into his chh. only to
blot them out again. I have no choice
as to what should be done, as I do not
know enough of the facts; but I hope that
something can be done.

I am glad to see that Mr Cunningham
is more hopeful in regard to his department.
Should the mission approve the plan which
he has in mind, I think the Com^ee will
sanction it. It is desirable, however, that the
plan should be carefully considered,
that we may have nothing to undo. Let us
have the entire wisdom of all the mission=
aries. There may be a little danger of acting
too hastily. You will be impatient of a
do nothing life, at the expense of the Board.
But it is better to decide upon the whole
case than a part of it, though you may
have to wait for a time. We shall not
blame you for delaying till you have all
the light which you can get. This is our
rule for our own action; we wish it to be
the rule of all the missions. My belief is
that most of the mistakes, in carrying forward
our enterprise arise from the want of due
carefulness.

Dr. Williamson suggests that we make a communication to Washington in regard to the recent trials. It is understood here that there is no danger that the Prest. will sanction this wholesale condemnation of the Indians. It is not like him. If he knows the facts, as I suppose he does, he will need nothing more. He is too good a lawyer & too great a man to hang so many on such grounds. If it shall appear that any thing is needed at our hands, we shall be ready to act to the extent of our knowledge & influence.

Mrs. Riggs' letter I put into the hands of our clerk, & asked him to do what he could in the way of securing books. I understand that a number have gone forward; how many I do not know. Rev. Geo. Punchard, acting for the N.Y. Tract Soc. in Boston, gave two Family Bibles (Tract So. Ed.) & two of Cruden's Concordance, & 6 "Songs of Zion". He would like to receive a note acknowledging the gift. If Mrs R. or one of her daughters could send a note for him to me, it would gratify him. I will see that it is deliv-

Kindest regards to all your household. Very faithfully yours, S. B. Treat

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any safe & satisfactory [illegible] depend upon the final [illegible] [illegible]gham seems to be encouraged [illegible] something more for Dakota children. I trust that [illegible] will consider his plan, & give him & us all [illegible]

that 30 will suffice, it is [illegible]

Mission House Boston
[illegible]

Rev. Steph. R. Riggs
St Anthony

Dear Brother

Yours of the 24th ult. has just reached. I thank you for the information; & I congratulate yourself & your family on your having closed the recent services into which the Lord seemed to call you. It must have been very trying; but I trust you have the satisfaction of reflecting that you have done some good.

Four days ago I addressed a letter to the mission, acknowledging a number of communications which I had not been able to answer at the proper time, (for reasons duly set forth.) You will doubtless see it soon; as I sent it to St Peter, not knowing that it would find you at St Anthony. I have made some reference to mission questions, & your future plans: but I suppose that you will not go into this matter just at present. The disposition of the Indians (not executed,) must be settled by the Govt. before you make any safe & satisfactory program. Much will depend upon the final arrangements.

Mr Cunningham seems to be encouraged to attempt ~~more~~ a something for Dakota children. I trust that the Mission will consider his plan, & give him & us all the wisdom which they can command. I trust we can throw a part of the cost of a boarding school upon the U. S. Govt.

I placed Mrs. Riggs' letter in the hands of our clerk, & asked him to do what he could. I understand that a number of books have gone forward; perhaps they will meet the most necessity, though I have not seen the list of them.

Please to assure Mrs. R. & your children of my kindest regard.

Very respectfully &
fraternally yrs
S. B. Treat

P. S. I learn with pleasure that the the President is not willing to execute so large number of Indians; he thinks that 30 will suffice, it is said.

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 10. 1862

Hon. Wm. P. Dole
Com. of Ind. Affairs.

Sir,

You remember that we had a boarding school among the Dakotas, prior to the recent outbreak. Those who conducted it, escaped; as did all our missionaries; but the buildings were destroyed &c.

Mr Cunningham, the Steward, is anxious to open the school again at or near Oak Grove, not far from Ft Snelling, upon a plan that might be temporary; & the missionaries look with favor upon the measure. He would have no difficulty, he thinks, in obtaining schol-ars; [illegible] (possibly) [illegible]

Now we are anxious to do whatever we can for these Indians; & should the arrangements made by the U.S. Government be such as to encourage us in the hope that our efforts will not be in vain, we shall expect to continue those efforts. We do not intend to forsake them simply on account of the late uprising.

Before we proceed to form new plans, however, we wish to be better informed as to the intentions of the Government. Perhaps the matter is still involved in uncertainty; but if there is any *thing* *settled*, which can be properly communicated, it would give us much pleasure to know it. Allow me to ask,

1. Whether the Dakotas will be allowed to remain in Minnesota, or any of them?

2. Where, if they are removed without the State, will they probably be located?

3. Will the Government look with favor upon the continuance of our efforts in their behalf?

4. Will it be practicable to establish a boarding school for Dakota children *in* Minnesota, if the Indians are generally removed?

5. Will the opening of such a school occasion opposition, & so (possibly) embarrass the Government in the adjustment of the questions now pending in regard to the Dakotas?

I rejoice exceedingly that the President & yourself have withstood the efforts which have been made to bring about a wholesale execution. It would have been a disgrace to the American name to have hung so many, especially after trying them so summarily. Were it right to have some executions, perhaps the number (39) now reported by telegraph is not excessive; but the demand of the people of Minnesota proceeds from passion, not reason.

It was a great mistake, in the late administration not to make more thorough work with the Spirit Lake murderers. Had the citizens of Minnesota insisted upon the infliction of due punishment, promptly, at whatever cost, they would have been saved, I think, from the recent tragedy.

Very respectfully
Your obed't servant,
Selah B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

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In this state of things, it does not seem wise to form any definite plans; in fact, we could not do it, however much inclined so to do. We must wait for the present, & see what the Lord would have us to do.

In regard to the boarding school, I should say at once that if it could be carried forward temporarily, without any expenditure, I should be favorably disposed to the idea. But I hesitate to expend $1000 in making preparations

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 17 1862

Messrs Riggs & Cunningham

Dear Brethren

Your letters, Dec. 1 & Dec. 2, I have received, & I have bestowed much thought upon them. I have also written to Mr Dole, to see if I can get any light as to the disposition of the Indians which the U. S. Govt. is likely to make; but he gives me no aid whatever. I see that a plan is proposed to Congress for removing most of them out of Minnesota, but permitting those who opposed the massacres, to live in the State, having 160 acres of land.

In this state of things, it does not seem wise to form any definite plans; in fact, we could not do it, however much inclined so to do. We must wait for the present, & see what the Lord would have us to do.

In regard to the boarding school, I should say at once that if it could be commenced temporarily, without any expenditure, I should be favorably disposed to the idea. But I hesitate to expend $1000 in making preparation, & when there is so much uncertainty as to the application [illegible] the necessary furniture for a few months. It may be worth thought, perhaps, that it will be best to have the school away from their dwellings. This, however, admits of a grave question. (1) If our operations are to be continued among the Dakotas, you will need the school buildings among [illegible] the field which you may occupy. This at least is our ordinary experience. (2) Suppose you educate the children among the whites, what are they to do when they complete their course? Can they remain with the whites with any fair prospect of an honorable career? But if they return to their people, will they not be strangers & aliens as it were? I will not enlarge upon this matter; I content myself with these suggestions.

Now if it is practicable to teach 12, 15 or 20 children during the winter without any great expense at the start, I should be in favor of it. I will say, "If you can continue in any way to do this as you may proceed at your own & perfect your plan in execution." That is, the Board are quite willing to pay the current expenses of a school, if we can be saved from a heavy outlay.

Is not this plan practicable. Can you not hire the necessary furniture for a few months at a moderate rate? If it is practicable to buy, & then sell again without serious loss, my difficulty would be removed. The rent of a house would be no obstacle.

I don't know that I can say any thing more definite. We shall be glad to do any thing that we can consistently. On the other we shall be quite willing to support you while you are waiting for the Lord to reveal his will concerning you.

Kindest regards to your families.

Very fraternally

S. R. R.

P. S. Suppose it is not possible for Mr C. to get 12. 15. or 20 children into good families at some place, taking a part himself, & have a school for such. This plan might answer a temporary purpose

Miss. House Boston,
Dec. 18/1862

Hon Wm P. Dole
Comr of Ind. Affairs.

Dear Sir

I presume that the President & yourself are greatly perplexed by the case of the Dakotas. Not wishing to embarrass the Government in the least, but anxious to render any aid which may be in my power, however humble, I take the liberty of forwarding an extract from a letter of Rev T. S. Williamson M.D. dated Dec 1. which I have recently received. Dr. W. has been for many years a missionary of our Board among these Indians & knows them well. It seems to me that the danger of a general Dakota war is not to be overlooked.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Mission House Boston
Dec. 19. 1862

Rev. T. S. Williamson
St. Peter, Minn.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 1st I have duly rec'd. I thank you for the information which you give me. You will see that the Pres't declines to sanction the wholesale executions; what he will do with the balance of the condemned, I do not know.

I had that part of your letter which relates to this topic copied & sent to the Com'r of Indian Affairs, stating to him in my letter who you were, &c., & also saying that the ideas which you developed seemed to me worthy of the consideration of the Gov't. I certainly pity the Pres't. He has a thousand perplexities growing out of the war; & now this Dakota difficulty comes along, no light matter in itself, taking into view the state of feeling in Minnesota. I think he must feel that being the Chief of the nation at such a time as this, is not just the thing which some have supposed.

In regard to matters of business. I have to day (1) that it hardly seems worth the while to make any appropriations for your mission at present. Of course, we can see but a short distance into 1863. It is not likely that you will go forward many months upon the present track. Hence it would seem best that you draw what you may need for your support; and let the future disclose the rest. I think that you had better ask for the indemnity which is coming from the Govt. for our buildings. It will simplify matters to take this course. I hope, therefore, that you will make the application with the least possible delay. I will endeavor to look after the matter a little, through a friend who is going to Washington in a few days.

Let me suggest also that your son John take the same course. Let him make a claim for all the property which may have been destroyed, [illegible] by way of application.

Kindest regards to all the members of your family.

Very sincerely yours

Brother in Christ

Dr. Anderson [illegible]

Sand. Island, Jan. 1

[illegible]

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 19. 1862

Rev. J. P. Williamson
Ft. Snelling, Minn.

Dear Bro.

Yours of the 28th Nov. rec'd three days ago. The previous letters I acknowledged in one which I sent to the mission a short time since.

I am glad that you have come to Fort Snelling to look after the Indians. They need the friendly watch of some Christian man; & you can do much for them in sundry ways. The mission, moreover, will have a stronger hold upon them, by reason of such efforts. I trust the Lord will bless your ~~efforts~~ labors in their behalf.

Mr. Riggs has sent forward claims for property destroyed at his station, goods, buildings &c. Your father has presented claims for certain things, leaving out the buildings, with the expectation that we should ask compensation for the latter. But I have written to him that he had better include all the losses in his application. This will very simplify matters; & the missionaries know the amount of the loss better than we do.

If you have not sent forward your claim, I think you had better do so at once, for all the property destroyed. Mr. Riggs can give you all needed information in respect to the matter. I will also keep an eye on the question.

I have just written to Mr. Riggs (?) on Cunningham's [illegible] in regard to the boarding school. We should be very willing to pay the current expenses of the school, 10, 15 or 20 pupils. But in the great uncertainty of matters affecting these Indians, I feel reluctant to incur much expense for the simple outfit. We might easily expend $1000 or more, & then find next spring or summer that we must lose it all. I send you a copy of the letter.

I should be glad to have as much done as may be, for the education & improvement of the Indians, on this general plan. We pay the current cost of day schools & boarding schools; but refrain from other outlays, so far as shall be practicable, [illegible]

The plan proposed for the settlement of the Indians, if carried into effect, will divide them. The friendly Indians, it seems, will remain in their land; while the others will be removed elsewhere. What will be the effect of such an arrangement upon the mission? It seems to me a little problematical.

Very Fraternally Yours,
S. B. Treat

I can [illegible] clothing is in great demand for our sick & wounded soldiers. Their claims seem to me the paramount of all, at this. My youngest son is at Fort [illegible] during his vacation, trying to do something for the men who are there. It is distressing to read his description of their wants & their sufferings. All that we can do for their relief, should be done; & after all we shall but partially meet their distresses.

Miss. House Boston

Rev. P. P. Osunkhirhine [illegible] that you ought to
St Thomas de Pierreville [illegible] end in Canada. Your people are free from the pressure which comes upon us. But here, then, your letter of Aug. 5 I have intended to answer at an earlier day; but ill health & a multiplicity of affairs have prevented my doing so.

After I saw you at the Miss. House, I asked my wife to get together a box of clothing for you. She replied that she could not do so then, as she had as much as she could do, before leaving the city. After her return (as also during her absence) she was very sick; & not till quite recently has she recovered.

Meantime the war has made (& is making) heavy demands upon us. My oldest son has gone to the South in the 45th Mass.; & I am obliged to do a good deal for him & his family. I have two sons in College; & my present burdens are all that I can carry. ~~Old~~ Second hand clothing is in great demand for our sick & wounded soldiers. Their claims seem to me to be paramount to all others. My youngest son is at Camp Convalescent (during his vacation) trying to do something for the men who are there. It is distressing to read his descriptions of their wants & their sufferings. All that we can do for their relief, should be done; & after all we shall but partially meet their distresses.

Dec 25 1862

Rev. A. Stow It seems to me that you ought to secure what aid you need in Canada. Your people are free from the severe pressure which comes upon us. Let them, therefore, help you, while we do our best to bless our poor suffering soldiers. We are glad to hear that your health is also that the prospects of the missionary work are better than they have been. I hope that we shall have good news from Allegany before the winter closes. The Lord grant that it may be so!

Very fraternally

S. B. Treat

Mr Wright has not sent me his estimates; hence the Comee have not made the appropriations for your mission. I will say, however, that they will probably allow your estimates; & for the present you may keep Jas. Pierce at $200. We will not speak of any fixed time. Something may ~~depend~~ turn up in our finances which will oblige us to curtail here; but we will give you notice.

We will not object to your proposal in regard to the buggy; but Mr Gordon wishes you to bring these matters into your account

Miss. House Boston

Dec. 25 1862

Rev. A. H. Pierce
Salamanca.

Dear Bro.

Yours of Dec 8 I have duly rec^d – I am glad to hear that your health is improved, also that the prospects of the missionary work are better than they have been. I hope that we shall hear good news from Allegany before the winter closes. The Lord grant that it may be so!

Mr Wright has not sent me his estimates; hence the Com^ee have not made the appropriations for your mission. I will say, however, that they will probably allow your estimates; for the present you may keep Jas. Pierce at $200. We will not speak of any fixed time. Something may ~~[illegible]~~ turn up in our finances which will oblige us to curtail here; but we will give you notice.

We will not object to your proposal in regard to the buggy: but Mr Gordon wishes you to bring these matters into your account with him. The reason is, I suppose, that his books do not show what disposition has been made of the money due Jan. 1. '62. You will doubtless appreciate his motives.

Dr. Anderson goes to the Sand. Islands Jan. 12. To be absent 8 or 9 months. Dr. Wood has gone to Constantinople. So that Secretaries will be scarce.

Kind regards to Mrs. P.

Very fraternally

S. B. Treat

Do you suppose that this will [illegible] at Washington?

I suppose Mrs Snyder is with you; I trust the Lord will bless her labors. I hope she will write to me frequently, as well as yourself. Have you any new light as to the question? is there any prospect that Mr. Snyder will make it unnecessary to obtain another man? Have you found any one who will answer? Has Mr Snyder his eye on any one? I am looking around for candidates for the foreign work; but I find it hard to secure the right men. Some can be had, a number, in fact; but I think that most are called to stay at home. Kind regards to Mrs. W. & Mr. W.

Yours truly S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 25 1862

Rev. A. Wright
Seneca.

Dear Bro.

Your estimates have not come, tho' Mr. Pierce's are on hand. Please to send them.

I have thought that perhaps we could draw $400 for the Orphan Asylum, (I cannot say how long.) from the Civilization Fund. We have not as much use for this money as we once had. Do you suppose that they will object at Washington?

I suppose Mrs Wright is with you; I trust the Lord will bless her labors. I hope she will write to me frequently, as well as yourself. Have you any new light as to the future? Is there any prospect that Mr. Wright will make it unnecessary to obtain another man? Have you found any one who will answer? Has Mrs Wright her eye on any one? I am looking around for candidates for the foreign work; but I find it hard to secure the right man. Some can be had, a number, in fact; but I think that most are called to stay at home. Kind regards to Mrs. W. & Mr. W.

Yrs. truly S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan 30. 1863

Rev L. H. Wheeler
Odanah.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 2d inst. with school reports, — form of supplemental contract, the latter being appended to the last named document, I have duly received.

I am sorry to hear that you have had a rib broken; but I hope & pray that the injury will not be serious. Be not over anxious in regard to matters that may seem to need your attention. The Lord, I sometimes think, permits us to be laid aside, in order that we may see how easily he can carry forward his plans without us. Possess your soul in patience, & you shall have great peace

The change which you propose in the boarding school, strikes me favorably, of course. I must rely mainly upon your judgment; but understanding the facts as I do, you are at liberty to adopt the plan, giving Dr. Ellis $400, & depending with the aid of Mr. Spencer.

The order from Washington to send reports of your school to Bayfield, I presume, will not affect the payments. At any rate, you may assume that I am responsible till you hear to the contrary. We would object to a change. The contract was made between the Com. & Mr Gordon to keep agents out of the transaction. He, however, elects to receive the reports through the Agent, we can have no objection.

You had better [illegible] regards to Dr Ellis the family, while with you. We shall see. Very fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

Feb. 5. 1863.

Rev. A. Wright

Seneca.

Dear Brother

Your favor of Dec. 29–30. enclosing estimates I rec^d in due time; but I have been so busy, besides being absent a good deal, that I have had no time to write in reply. As Dr Anderson & Dr Wood are away, I have a pretty large am^t of work on hand. We have devoted two weeks to conventions, this service has added to my labors. Several things require to be mentioned.

1. Your estimates are allowed. The Com^ee have also allowed Mr Pierce's estimates; he is authorized to pay Jas. Pierce at the rate of $200, till he hears from me to the contrary.

2. In regard to the civilization fund, I think you had better send vouchers for the 4 quarters of 1862, & we will see what the Department will do. We have a good deal of trouble in getting money on this acc^t of late; perhaps we shall

more necessary as the Govt. is so much embarrassed in its finances. Suppose you make out your vouchers, with two items, viz. $100 per quarter expended for the education of Indians, & $25 for your salary for superintending the expenditure. Let there be 4 quarterly vouchers.

Of course, Mr Gordon will allow you the $100 mentioned heretofore, whether we get that sum or not. The other $300 he will pay over, when he gets the amt.; possibly you may need to exercise a little patience, as it is only a few months since we obtained a considerable allowance, though with a great reduction.

3. In consequence of what you wrote respecting a temporary supply, to do the work which Bro. Wright has abandoned for the winter, have taken no steps toward sending a missionary for the Lower Station. I hope the one whom you have in view, will meet the demands of the place; & if it should result in a permanent arrangement, satisfactory to all parties, I should rejoice. I am a good deal puzzled with the difficulty of filling such a vacancy.

You may wish to know what our financial prospects are at the present time. It is difficult to answer. I often think of the Frenchman who asked his valet, (who seemed to be opening a shutter, but in fact was opening a closet-door,) what the weather was, & rec^d for reply, "There is no weather at all, Sir; It smells of cheese." I am sometimes inclined to say: "There is no prospect at all." But the God of missions leads us along very kindly; he has done so much for us, hitherto, in all that it would be very wrong to distrust him now. Our receipts for Jany have been 20 per cent in advance of those a year ago.

Our national prospects are not very flattering. Still I am comforted by two thoughts (1) The Lord may deliver us, when we have given up our confidence in man; and it is certainly time that this were done. (2) If our hopes, in regard to the putting down of the rebellion, should be disappointed, it will be because He has a better plan.

Kind regards to Mrs W. Mr Wright, & all with you.

Very fraternally yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Feb. 6. 1863

Rev. [illegible] H. Pitcher
Allegheny

Dear Brother,

You will expect, ere this, a formal notice of the action of the Com. [illegible] in regard to your estimates. They have been partly allowed; & you are still at liberty to pay [illegible] $100. If you think that [illegible] that sum [illegible] do not pay [illegible] that we will pay so much during the entire year (1863), [illegible] of knowing what a few months may [illegible]; & that you may proceed upon the scale [illegible] hitherto, till you hear from me to the contrary. Furnish vouchers for the [illegible] from your [illegible]. Will you have the goodness to inform me, if there is any thing of special interest [illegible] suspended in the Indian Dept. [illegible] regulations to which it is worth while to [illegible] the [illegible] continued. At length, however, we have had the obstruction [illegible]

Miss. House Boston

Feb. 5 1863

Rev. L. H. Wheeler

Ojibwas.

Dear Bro.

I wrote to you on the 30th ult. expressing my approval of the proposed change in the boarding school department. I rec'd yours of Jan. 18, with a letter to Mr Hallock, in regard to printing an Ojibwa hymn book. I transmitted the letter immediately, with one of my own, in support of your application. Have heard nothing in reply.

I write now, more especially, to ask that you will furnish vouchers for the day school. I have said nothing about your sending them at an earlier day, because we have had a number of vouchers suspended in the Indian Department, & did not think it worth while to forward more, while the hitch continued. At length, however, we have had the obstruction removed.

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I wish you, as soon as practicable, to make out vouchers for the day school & send them to Mr Gordon. Let them be for $75 per quarter, signed by yourself, in the form which you have used in other cases. You may include 1861 & 1862, that is, you m[ay] make out 8 quarterly vouchers, at $75 per quarter, beginning with Jan 1. & ending 1864. It will not be necessary, probably, to mention Miss Spencer's name, though there is no objection to mentioning it.

Kindest regards to Mrs W. & all your associates, children &c.

Yours fraternally

anxious to do whatever may be practicable, though it might involve some expense

S. B. Treat

I wish you to make [illegible] for that quarter July 1. '62 to Oct 1, as you have done before, that we may obtain the am't from the civilization fund. Please add a note that the school was broken up, Aug. 19, by the outbreak. Perhaps the Indian Depart. will allow the usual sum. Kind regards to all. [illegible] Truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 6. 1863

Mr H. L. Cunningham,
Minneapolis Min.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 29th Dec. I duly received. I am glad that you have concluded to wait & see what the Lord has in store for the Dakotas, before deciding what to do in the matter of the boarding school. This seemed to me the wisest course at the outset; but I was anxious to do whatever might be practicable, though it might involve some expense.

I wish you to make out a voucher for (the quarter July 1. '62 to Oct 1. as you have done before, that we may obtain the amt from the civilization fund. Please to add a note that the school was broken up, Aug. 19, by the outbreak. Perhaps the Indian Depart. will allow the usual sum. Send speedily to me. Very truly yr

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 10. 1863

Rev. Th. S. Williamson
St Peter. Min.

Dear Bro.

Yours of the 20th Jan.y I have duly rec.d & I suppose that it is now settled, that the claims for losses growing out of the Sioux outbreak will be examined in Minnesota. You & Mr Riggs are the best judges as to what is the best course for the Board, in securing compensation; &, from the nature of my engagements, I shall be obliged to throw as much responsibility upon you as possible. If you think that we had better employ your attorney, we will do so. In that case, let him (send us a form, (we leave out his name,) & state whether any thing beyond the Treasurer's name will be needed. (It belongs to him to sign the power of attorney.) Why is the certificate of a notary requisite? I think, it had better be, "James M. Gordon. Treasurer of the

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, &c.

Though you have omitted the books that were lost, are you precluded from a further claim? The attorney will know, I doubt not.

The Comᵃ have authorized Mr Gordon to advance the $1000 to build your house & as you request, you may draw on Mr Gordon for the amᵗ when you need it. The case falls into the neighborhood of questionable matters, as the Comᵃ are slow to make such advances; but your mission has so good a character for economy & self-abnegation, that you are more likely to have your wishes met than some others.

I wish you to forward a voucher for the school July 1 to Oct. 1. (I have requested Messrs Riggs & Cunningham to do likewise) that we may ask the Govᵗ to allow it. Please to say at the bottom, "The school was broken up by the Dakota outbreak Aug. 19." That will make the case transparent & honest; perhaps we may prevail with the

the Indian department. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
& some friends to our people & the Indian. The
Rev. Mr. [illegible] Sec. of the Interior Thompson. The
St. appointed [illegible] friendly. His wife is a
member of the [illegible] Presb. Ch.

When we held a meeting [illegible] the 7th Jan
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
for [illegible] part of the [illegible]. [illegible] which you
[illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] among the Dakotas. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] interest. [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible], [illegible] in
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that perhaps
many [illegible] of thinking [illegible] is
[illegible] spiritually. [illegible] [illegible]
of people [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] may [illegible] that many [illegible] things
to the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to
be [illegible] [illegible]. Still the Lord
can [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]
that He has [illegible] [illegible] of blessings
in the interest ~~behalf~~ of the Dakotas. Perhaps their
day of grace may be near at hand. The Lord
grant that it may be so! S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
Feb. 12. 1863

Rev. S. R. Riggs.
St. Anthony, Minn.

Dear Brother,

Yours of the 24th Jan. I have duly rec^d & I feel much obliged to you for giving me all the information which you can, in regard to Dakota affairs. What we shall do hereafter, will require considerable thought, it may be; but I hope that wisdom will be given to us at the proper time.

I doubt not that you are all carefully watching the signs of the times. It is quite possible that questions of a good deal of perplexity may arise; & perhaps you will be unable to shape events, in any measure, so as to prevent arrangements that will seem to be adverse to the Indians. Still the Lord can control all things; & I do not believe that He has exhausted his store of blessings in the ~~behalf~~ interest of the Dakotas. Possibly their day of grace may be near at hand. The Lord grant that it may be so!

S. B. Treat

The Com^r has authorized the payment of $50 for Angelique Renville, as you have requested.

I have written to Dr. Williamson & Mr. Cunningham, asking them to send me school vouchers for the quarter July 1 to Oct 1, 1862, — saying in a note that the school was broken up by the Dakota war on the 19th of Aug. I hope that the Indian Department will allow the vouchers in these circumstances. The papers, of course, will be transparent & honest, with the note.

Will you have the goodness to send me vouchers in accordance with the above named idea, that I may forward them to Washington.

I have written to Dr. W. in respect to our claims for losses occasioned by the late war. He will consult you, of course, in reference to the matter.

Kindest regards to Mrs. R. and your children.

Very fraternally

S. B. Treat

Miss. Home Boston
Feb. 17. 1863

Erwin Leighy Esq
Washington D.C.

Sir.

I have just rec'd your telegram of this date. I am utterly at a loss as to its meaning. I have no recollection of any acquaintance with your person or name; & was not aware that any interest of the Ojibwa mission was in jeopardy.

On the other hand, I have special engagements which require my presence in this place for several days to come. In these circumstances I must ask you to define the danger which hangs over the Ojibwa mission. What am I to accomplish by going to Washington?

If my presence is really demanded, I will go as soon as possible. Please to [illegible] occasioned this telegram, if you happen to know?

I have thought [illegible] possible that the appropriation for the Odanah boarding ~~school~~ J. S. Read in danger. If this is the case, I could hardly expect that my presence would be of much

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 9th 1863

Hon. Wm P. Dole,
Com. of Indian Affairs,

Sir,

I have just rec.d a telegram from Erwin Sighy, which says that the interest of the mission at Bad River demand my immediate presence at Washington. I have never heard of Mr Sighy before, & I cannot understand his message. It would be very inconvenient for me to visit Washington at this time, because of my special engagements at home.

I can hardly suppose that any real interest of the Ojibwa mission is in peril, outside of the knowledge of your Department. May I ask you to inform me, in the briefest terms, what has occasioned this telegram, if you happen to know?

I have thought it possible that the appropriation for the Odanah boarding school might be in danger. If this is the case, I could hardly expect that my presence would be of much use. If the contract made by a former Com'r will not secure the regular allowance, any influence of mine would be of little worth, I fear.

I will say, however, that after the Sioux uprising of last year, it would seem especially undesirable that the Gov't should lessen its expenditures among other tribes. The "status in quo", at least, should be preserved, as it seems to me.

If this letter should occasion any doubt or perplexity, on your part, perhaps the present Sec'y of the Interior will lend you his counsel. I had the pleasure of seeing him in Indiana last spring, when he very kindly proffered his assistance, in case I should need it.

Very respectfully

your obed't servant

S. B. Treat.

Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House, Boston

Rev L. H. Wheeler

Odanah Wis.

Dear Brother

Dr. Hallock has sent me the materials. You will see the points to which he you wishes to direct your attention.

1. The book is to be acceptable to persons of different denominations, in doctrine, (i.e. avoiding all points of difference, & in language. To meet this idea, it may be necessary to get the testimony of persons competent to judge in the case.

2. The copy may be so carefully prepared as not to require your presence. In other words, no change may be necessary in the language; & the copy may be so plain that mistakes will be unnecessary, & hardly possible. The first, I presume, may be true; but to avoid errors, through a mis-reading of the MS. the letters will need to be so made as that they cannot be misunderstood.

3. In the matter of expense, Dr. H. speaks very cautiously. Will the Ojibwas promise to take a considerable number of copies, & pay for them? You can judge.

4. I think well of stereotyping; if the Ms. can be so prepared as not to need correction in future years. But will not the hymns be modified? If new ones should be written, they might be added at the end perhaps.

I cannot advise confidently in the case, as my knowledge is imperfect. You will have opinions of more value than mine

Very fraternally

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S. B. Treat

March 7. 1883

Rev. A. Wright

[illegible]: –

Dear Bro.

Have rec'd your two letters this a.m. in regard to A.M. In reply I have to say

1. You are at liberty to admit a white family into the lower parsonage, if you think it best. We would give you a carte blanche in regard to the letting of the house, if I had not supposed that you preferred to have the matter left as it has been, so that you could throw the responsibility of refusals upon us.

2. In regard to Miss Frye. I know nothing of her save what appears in her letter to me, & what Mr. Warren writes. He says "She is a young lady of good personal appearance & acceptable attainments. She has never graduated at any female Sem. but she has some knowledge of French & I believe speaks it. She has been a successful teacher of youth for a few years past in district schools." Mr. W. speaks highly of her piety: she having become a subject of grace under his ministry. Her age he thinks about 22. It is possible

that she is the pastor for Old Town. Perhaps you had better write to Rev. Francis Warriner, Chester Centre, Mass. also to Rev. G. S. Bard, Lower Waterford, Vt — her present pastor. Of Mr W. I know nothing. Mr Bard left Gowanda 2 or 3 years ago, I believe; & I have a pleasant impression in regard to him.

3. I have not made any effort to obtain a missionary for the Senecas, of late, as I was hoping that you had some one in prospect who might remain. Shall I proceed to make inquiries, without any reference to Mr C.? Is it not possible that the Indians may be pleased gratified to have his services for an indefinite period? In that event, would he not remain? If you answer in the negative, I will make further efforts.

Mr Bush, Dist. Sec. for Western N.Y. is arranging a series of conventions, extending from Clinton to Westfield & Fredonia. I hope to attend some of them, I cannot now say how many. I have thought it possible that I might see you at some point, but I cannot now say where I shall be, except that I expect to begin at Clinton March 6-7. I may go to Chicago during the series. Kindest regards to Mrs W. the Misses [illegible]. Very truly S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
March 11. 1863

Rev. A. Wright Jr.
Cattaraugus Res.

Dear Bro.

I leave Boston to-morrow, to attend miss. meetings in N.Y. & go west as far as Chicago. Meetings will be held at Westfield & Fredonia; but I shall probably not be present at either.

Have but a moment to acknowledge your letter of Jan 13. rec^d Jan. 20. I read it with great pleasure; & I trust you will feel that your labors have not been in vain in the Lord.

I rec^d through Mrs Wright a note from Lucinda Cornfield. Please to say to her that I was very glad to receive such a letter, & I pray that the Lord will bless her abundantly & all the members of the school. Those who have but little to give, may ~~surely~~ seem to be small, if they give with loving hearts.

Very truly yrs
S. B. Treat

I have sent the note to the "Dayspring" to use in addressing children

Miss. Home Boston
March 12. 1863

Rev S. R. Riggs
St. Anthony, Minn.

Dear Brother

Your letters of Feb. 20 & March 11 are before me. The reports from Mankato now from Fort Snelling, are certainly surprising & most gratifying. I read G. H. Pond's letter in the Evangelist with wonder. I don't suppose that all who make professions are true converts; but that so many, with such antecedents, should be willing to make a public profession of their faith in Christ is a strange thing. Can there be any sinister design in all this? Do some hope in this way to escape hanging? The result, I trust, will be gratifying. That more real conversions will take place within the year after the outbreak than had occurred during all the previous history of the mission. Will it not be so?

In regard to the claims. Mr Gordon inquires why we had not better give up the power of attorney, & let you manage our claim according to your best judgment. It will be easy for you to look after the matter, in connection with your personal interests. You can employ Mr Griffiths to assist you as counsel; but further I don't see that he will need any written power of att.y to say nothing of the notarial seal. The matter of acknowledgment I know something about; & some powers of att.y require to be acknowledged; but in multitudes of cases lawyers act for their clients without any written, or at least any formally drawn, authorization.

If you see no objection, I think Mr Gordon's plan a good one; but if we had better make Mr Griffiths att.y please to send us his full name.

I leave for New York, Chicago, &c in a few minutes, to be absent 2 or 3 weeks.

Kindest regards to Mrs R & your family.

Very fraternally

Yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
March 12. 1863

Rev. L. H. Wheeler
Ojibwas

Dear Bro.

Your favor of Feb. 24. [illegible]
The U.S. Govt. has not paid any thing for teaching the day school for 1860 & the 4th quarter of 1859.

On the 17th of Feb. I rec.d a telegram from Erwin Leighton saying: "The interest of the mission at Bad River, Lake Superior, demands your immediate presence here." "You will find me at the Richmond House corner of 8th & D Sts." I knew nothing of Mr Leighton. I had engaged to attend a missi. convention that very day, & another two days later, also to preach on the Sabb following in [illegible]. I, therefore, telegraphed in reply that he [illegible] a letter. Another telegram came after I left, "No time to lose." A letter came, Feb. 20. from Mr. Leighton saying that he left home Jan. 14. that a delegation of Ojibwas left about the same time, in charge of Mr. Wolcott, on business relating to their annuities; [illegible] in respect to the interests of the mission; that there was a prospect that the Indian chiefs would consent to have a part of the school fund appropriated to the school at Odanah taken for other schools, with the approval of the Com'r. He said that if I had started on receiving his 1st telegram, I should have arrived in time to prevent the change; but that the matter would be settled, probably, before the Sabbath.

I wrote on the 19th to Dr. Cole, informing him of the telegram, & asking him to apprise me, if any interest of our mission was in question. But I heard nothing from him; neither have I heard any thing from Mr Seeley, or any one else, as to the final result.

I cannot believe that the Com'r has been making any changes. He would have notified us, I am sure. If he has done it, we will ask why it has been done. There is the Sec'y of the Interior, Mr Usher. I think he wants to be friendly to us. Perhaps you may have information which I have not. I go to [illegible], in a few minutes, thence to Chicago, to be absent 2 or 3 weeks. Kind regards to all. Very fraternally, S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

April 8 1863

Rev. S. R. Riggs

Dakota

Dear Bro.

Your letters of March 1st & 20th have been duly recd. Parts of both you will see in the Herald. The work which the Lord is doing at Mankato — [illegible], after making all proper abatements, is wonderful. We cannot sufficiently praise him for his great goodness.

Yesterday the Comee authorized our treasurer to make you his attorney for the prosecution & care of our claims for damages. You will receive the papers in season, I hope.

The Comee appropriated $48.15 to liquidate the balance against you for the Hymn book. [illegible] accordingly. Yours in great haste, but still [illegible] fraternally S. B. Treat

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Miss. House Boston.

April 20 1863

Rev. S. H. [illegible]

Dear Sir

Your letters of Jan. [illegible] March 5 & March 11, have reached the Miss. [illegible] In the latter, I wrote [illegible] of yours; the letter [illegible] received [illegible] approval; [illegible] have reached, have been [illegible] the same, [illegible] in the [illegible] of my care [illegible] will [illegible] you [illegible] to advise you [illegible] occasion any doubt in your mind. Kind regards to all.

In great haste. Very fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston.

April 20 1863

Rev L. H. Wheeler

Ojibwas. Dear Brother.

Your letters of March 5 & March 11. have reached the Miss. House safely. In regard to the letter, I wrote to Gen. Halleck, sending a copy of yours; he says that he has replied to you.

Your estimate, $2200, is approved; since the sums which you have named, have been appropriated.

Your plan for managing the farm, &c., at Odanah seems to me judicious, in the main, but I have not studied it very carefully. Mr. Taylor, I think, will visit you this summer; & he will be able to advise you in respect to matters which occasion any doubt in your minds. Kind regards to all.

In great haste. Very fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

Missy. House. Boston
April 23. 1863.

Mr. Charles Aiken,

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 13th. inst. to Mr. Treat, inclosing a letter from Miss Willey, was duly received. Within a day or two afterwards a statement appeared in the papers, that Col. Phillips had "swept the north side of Arkansas river clear of rebels," & that our troops were at Fort Gibson & Park Hill. The case was laid before the Pru. Com. on Tuesday of this week, & in view of these facts, which would seem to render it easy for Mr. Willey to retire if he wishes to do so, or at least to communicate with friends at the North, it was not supposed that any action was called for at the Missy. House.

And indeed, if occasion for action existed, it is not easy to see what could be done. Others who have at least equal claims for effort on the part of the Board, if any effort could avail, (my brother's widow for instance, Mrs. Worcester) have been in the Cherokee country, suffering much ever since the rebellion broke out; & no way has been found to secure even any other than any indirect communication with them;—no way to send relief. We hope the worst is over now; & suppose it probable that Mr. Willey will still prefer to remain.

Mr. Treat is absent, & I write at his request.

Yours respectfully,
J. R. Worcester.

Miss. House Boston
May 2 1863

Rev Dr Lord
Dart. College

Dear Sir.

I write to inquire whether you have expended any money for Indian youth which will demand the action of the Com.ee in Boston.

I am not apprised of what has been done in this regard, & will thank you to inform me.

Very respectfully &c
S B Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
May 7. 1863

Ch. Aikens, Esq.,
Appleton, Wis.

Dear Sir.

Yours of the [illegible] ult. I have duly received. If I understand the case of Mr Willey's [illegible], he sent her to your wife, ~~[illegible]~~, having confidence in her [illegible] her care of the child would be judicious & kind. I write to [illegible] know that he would [illegible] and parents & hence [illegible] to have any agency in the arrangement that you propose. If I should take the responsibility of [illegible] the [illegible] to keep [illegible] I will [illegible] you to the Board. I would [illegible] to [illegible] the payment of the [illegible] to [illegible]. More than this I do not feel [illegible] to do.

I do not see [illegible] letter cannot reach Mr Willey at the present time. I suppose that the communication is opened with the Cherokees in the district where he inhabits.

Very respectfully yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston.
May 7. 1863

Chs. Aikin, Esq.,
Appleton, Wis.

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 20th ult. I have duly recd. If I understand the case of Mr Willey's daughter, he sent her to your wife's sister, having confidence in his sister, that her care of the child would be judicious & kind. Now I do not know that he would wish to send the daughter to her grand parents; & hence I am not willing to have any agency in the arrangement which you propose.

If you should take the responsibility of effecting this arrangement, the grand parents agreeing to keep the daughter without expense to the Board, I would ask the Prud. Comee to assume the payment of the needful travelling expenses to Andover. More than this I do not feel authorized to do.

I do not see why letters cannot reach Mr Willey at the present time. I suppose that the communication is opened with the Cherokees in the district which he inhabits.

Very respectfully yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
May 12. 1863

Rev. S. R. Riggs
St Anthony, Min

Dear Bro:

I go this P.m. to Philad. where the Genl Assembly N. S. is gathering for its annual session. Before I leave, how=ever, I must acknowledge yours of {April 21 / May 1}.

Matters have moved along pretty fast, in your part of the world, within a few weeks. J. P. Williamson on his way up the Missouri, with his singular charge; Dr. W. chaplain to the prisoners at Davenport; & you, perhaps, already en route for Camp Pope, & how many other camps I know not.

The Comee give their assent to your going on the expedition. We trust that it will be peaceful in its results, at least; & hope it will be so in its methods of securing those results.

I wish I could have your views, soon, on one or two points raised by J. P. Williamson. He writes Edward Pond son of G. H. P. who is to marry

Miss Hopkins, to join him as teachers, I think the Com^{ee} will not hesitate to send them, if they are well fitted for the service? Are they? J. P. W. seems to speak more highly of Miss H. than of Edwards.

J. P. Williamson thinks that there should be a change in the educational plan, i.e. more done in the way of common schools, but no boarding school for small children. Instead of this he would have one for children of 14 & 15, ~~& thinks~~ He thinks Mr Cunningham would be the steward for such a school, but that there should be a superintendent, who could be the principal teacher.

I am sorry that there is to be no concentration of the mission very soon, so that these questions can be properly ventilated. I have supposed it possible that I might go into your region, at some time, to discuss & settle matters of future policy. But I should find no mission, were I to go, at present.

Kindest regards to Mrs R. & the children.

Very affectionately yrs

S. B. Treat

If Mr Riggs shall have left, will Mrs Riggs answer the inquiries in regard to Ed^{n} Pond & his fiancée?

Miss. House, Boston
May 21. 1863.

Rev. J. P. Williamson
Fort Randall Dak. T.

Dear Brother

Your letter of May 7th was rec^d two days ago. It was mailed some time after the date.

I have read your statements with great pleasure. I pray the God of missions to go with you to your new field of labor. We may see great things accomplished among the Dakotas of the Missouri. The Lord grant that it may be so! I trust that you will labor cheerfully, hopefully, believingly; & then your services will not be in vain.

As to plans, it is rather early to go very far with our decisions. The Com^tee will be willing to expend whatever can be judiciously laid out, within moderate limits. I think it ~~is~~ for example, that you may venture to put up a building to be used as a chapel as soon as you know just where you are to be & what you want. In fact, I am authorized to say that you can have the same which you have named as soon as the demands of the case shall seem to be clear.

In regard to Edward Pond & his fiancée, two questions arise. Are such persons really needed? And are they well qualified for the work? I presume the first question will be answered in the affirmative. If so, there as I have no doubt will be nothing to hinder the expense. On the 2° point, the qualifications of the parties named, I have requested the opinion of your father & Mr Riggs. If the conclusion shall be that they (or Pond & his future wife) are fitted for a work which is important to be done, I think you may have no fear of being disappointed by the Comee.

I hope you will write freely in regard to your new field. Keep the Rooms well posted as to the new movements, your own changes, the encouragements & prospects. It will be helpful to us & to you.

Very fraternally yr

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
May 21. 1863

Rev. Thos. S. Williamson M.D.
Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Brother

Your favor of the 16th inst. I duly rec'd. The one to Mr Gordon, I have also seen. He will probably visit you at Davenport, though he has not yet left Boston.

I have rec'd a letter from your son, & he raises some questions in regard to which I wish to get your opinion (1) He desires to have Ed. Pond (to be married to Mary F. Hopkins) join him as a teacher. I think the Com.ee would assent to this plan, if it is best? Is it wise to start the matter of education, without more knowledge & consideration? Are they suitable persons to be employed in this business? (2) Your son would have more day schools than the mission have had, or take larger children (14 or 15) into the boarding school. In this event Mr Cunningham could be steward, with a superintendent who might be principal teacher.

I should like to have you give me your thoughts on these points & any others which may occur to you; I have supposed that we might need to hold a "council of war" in regard to our future policy, & that we should meet the mission at some time; but now it would be hard to find the mission. Meantime, we can have some interchange of views, & possibly arrive at some results; or at least be better prepared for any discussion that may be needed.

I go this P.M. to Philad. to meet the Genl Assembly, & to attend as speaker at some meeting which may be held. Sept 1st wk we have our anniversary in Boston

Very faithfully

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S. B. Treat

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
June 15. 1863

John Laws Esq
Edinboro

Dear Sir.

Our Com^ee did not hold their annual meeting this year as early as usual. [illegible] from the [illegible] the meeting [illegible] after [illegible] a few [illegible] opportunity. [illegible] drawing [illegible] usual. Prior to the [illegible] in the Moor School had come mainly from the South Western Indians, Choctaws & Cherokees; but now it is not practicable to obtain suitable candidates from that region. Hence we have turned our attention to other quarters. A Seneca, by the name of Edmund Pierce, has been received to the enjoyment of this charity. He is the son of Maris B. Pierce, of the Cattaraugus Reservation once himself upon the foundation. I think you

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Miss. House, Boston.
June 15. 1863

Rev. N. Lord DD
Hanover NH.

Rev. & Dear Sir

You will be surprised, I doubt not, that you have not heard from me for a long time. Owing to the absence of Mr. [illegible] the Treasurer, [illegible] I have been very busy, & often absent. I was out of the city at the usual time of our Committee meeting, & had it [illegible] later. I have been to New York since, & so have been obliged to content myself with doing the most necessary things.

I herewith enclose the $121.11 what you have expended on the Moor School account.

Very respectfully
& fraternally
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
June 15. 1863

John Tawse Esq.
Edinboro

Dear Sir.

Our Com^e did not hold their annual meeting, this year, quite so early as usual, owing to my necessary absence from the Miss. House. And immediately after the meeting, I was obliged to leave town again; so that I have had no convenient opportunity, till now, to write to you.

The am^t which Dr. Lord has expended, during the past year, is much smaller than usual. Prior to the civil war the beneficiaries in the Moor School had come mainly from the South Western Indians, Choctaws & Cherokees; but now it is not practicable to obtain suitable candidates from that region. Hence we have turned our attention to other quarters. A Seneca, by the name of Edward Pierce, has been received to the enjoyment of this charity. He is the son of Maris B. Pierce, of the Cattaraugus Reservation, once himself upon the foundation. I think you not [illegible] been mentioned by the Com^ee who visited the U. S. some years ago [illegible] report upon their return

June 19, 1863

Miss Abby [illegible] Edward Pierce, Dr Lord [illegible] "He is 16 years of age, a bright, intelligent, & active young man. He is not yet sufficiently formed to justify a confident opinion as to his success; but I have good hope of him. If at the end of the year he shall seem likely to profit by his advantages, he will be permitted to proceed", or so I have awaited [illegible] of your kind suggestion.

The mother of Edward is a worthy white woman, whom I know very well. I have the more hope of him from her excellent character and influence.

In regard to the disposition which is to be made of the various articles in your keeping, I have this thought: Perhaps they had better go to the Indian School at Cattaraugus. What say you of this plan?

Dr Lord is [illegible] beneficiary [illegible] from the [illegible] recommendation [illegible] mind. [illegible] difficult & expensive, I suppose; & I ~~suppose~~ presume the donors would hardly desire it. Would they not be best satisfied by having [illegible]

Very respectfully, Your Obed^t Servant

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
June 19th 1863

Miss Abigail Peck
Tuscarora —

Dear Miss P.

Your letter of [illegible] I recd early in May, & I should have answered it earlier, had you not given me so much time for doing it. I have been very busy, & so I have availed myself of your kind suggestion.

In regard to the disposition which is to be made of the various articles in your keeping, I have this thought: "Perhaps they had better go to the Orphan School at Cattaraugus." What say you of this plan? In that event they will be doing something for the education of Indian girls. Such things as we procured, we can dispose of as we please. Those articles which were given by others for this particular school, ought to be returned; but this would be difficult & expensive. I suppose; & I ~~suppose~~ presume the donors would hardly desire it. Would they not be best satisfied by having their property transferred to the Cattaraugus school?

It would cost something to remove the things to Catt. but very likely Mr. Wright would be willing to pay the expense for the acquisition which he would make. If you think well of this plan, you may write to Mr Wright, whenever you are ready to leave your school, & ask if she will take the goods. And such arrangements may be made as you & she may think proper.

If you have any better plan to suggest, please to inform me of it. I am not at all tenacious of my own thoughts, I am quite sure.

I should be pleased to hear good tidings from the Tuscaroras. I am very sorry that you can make no better report of their spiritual condition. I will hope, however, that good days are in store for them. It would be very sad, if all that has been done for them should be as seed that yields little permanent fruit. Very sincerely &c

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
June 22 1863

To the Dakota Mission

Dear Brethren

I have been waiting for some time to give you a brief account of the notice taken of your labors before the Genl. Assembly. It was thought best that I should go to Philada. & just after I arrived Mr. Griffith read the report of the Permanent Comee on For. Missions, in which he referred to the very interesting letter of Dr. Williamson. He was on the Assembly's Comee on this subject, & drew up the report. Mr Barnes read it, however, & proposed to have Dr W's letter read at length; whereupon Mr G. read almost all of it. Rev. Jas. Thomson then referred to the revival at Mankato, & spoke in praise of the missionaries, with discretion & discrimination.

I was then requested to address the Assembly; which I did for some 20 minutes. I thanked the Assembly's Comee for their favorable mention of our mission, & expressed my fear

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that you had [illegible] honor which was your due [illegible] difficulties, privations, [illegible] had alluded to his poor journey [illegible]; that he said it was not ~~any~~ economy; on the contrary, [illegible] family [illegible] I said [illegible] any thing [illegible] for [illegible] journey: "They [illegible]".

I added, however, that you [illegible] your remarks [illegible] the outbreak; the [illegible] been [illegible] with the [illegible] of the [illegible] had said respecting your mission [illegible] sympathy felt for [illegible]

Miss. House, Boston
July 8. 1863.

[illegible] Dakota Mission
[illegible] Treat

It seems desirable that we should have some definite plans & aims in regard to the prosecution of our work among the Dakotas; & yet it is not perhaps easy to suggest what should be our policy.

1. It is supposed that Dr. Williamson will devote himself to the spiritual interests of the Indians now at Davenport for the present. How long he will continue this line of things, is known only to the Great Head of the Church. Providence, I suppose, will indicate the length of the service.

2. Mr. Riggs will be occupied, for some time to come, by his [illegible] & efforts in connection with the Expedition that has gone up the Minnesota; & then that he will help forward the cause of humanity & missions.

3. Mr. J. P. Williamson hopes, [illegible] [illegible] the Missouri River. He can [illegible] of [illegible]; that God will so order events there is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which will greatly

[illegible]

conference with the Comm^a with a view to getting of their feelings as to the ~~plan, in accordance~~ manner in ~~with~~ which they would have our operations carried forward on the Missouri; & I have found that they are inclined to take a liberal view of the question. Any course which the Providence clearly indicates to be wise, I feel sure that they will approve.

Bringing the matter to a practical test, I asked them what they would think of sending Mr. Cunningham, with Mrs & Miss [illegible] (should the marriage) to the aid of Mr J. P. W. as soon as matters in the new home of the exiles seem to warrant the measure. They very cordially expressed themselves ready to sanction the taking of this step, in the event supposed; so that this, you may consider as definitely settled.

The forms which our educational efforts are to assume on the Missouri, the Comm^a have not decided. We suppose that there will be a good deal of "prairie-breaking" at the outset, i.e. certain preparatory work to be needed. Buildings must be erected; the more primitive methods of of labor, must be started; ~~without~~ a beginning must be made in education. Afterward, other efforts of a higher order, particularly in the line of education, will be called for.

For the present we think it better not to decide just what shall be a permanent policy, in regard to the boarding school, for coming years. It would seem to be better to meet the present and most urgent necessities of the Indians, leaving what may be ultimately desirable to be determined hereafter. Perhaps a conference of the Mission with the Indian Dep^t may be found advisable.

We would suggest, therefore, that Mr & Mrs C. with Mr & Mrs R. proceed to join Mr J. P. W. as soon as they shall have reports from him ~~[illegible]~~ which seem to make it feasible & expedient; that on reaching their proposed home, they engage in such labors as shall seem to be in the greatest demand; & that they continue to act on this principle for the present. Perhaps Mr & Mrs R. will find important & interesting work for both in the line of simple Dakota schools. Perhaps Mr C. will find that he can do most good, at first, by making suitable improvements. Perhaps also Mrs C. will [illegible] that a beginning can be made in the matter of boarding schools. I can hardly suppose, however, that it will be advisable to go into the expensive way for just now.

The true idea, it seems to me, is for those who shall be associated in this work to take counsel with each other, carefully & prayerfully, & ascertain just what the Lord would have them do, while they are laying the foundations. It will not be prudent, in the existing state of our country, to adopt expensive courses of action. We are getting along very well in our finances, all things considered; but we suppose that there must be a day of trial in the future. When peace comes, a monetary crisis would seem to be inevitable; it may be terrific. I cannot doubt, however, that the force which I presume will be soon collected in the Missions, will find enough of useful labor to perform, without going into large expenditures. It is very possible that in the new state of affairs, every thing will be costly. If so, this will be another argument for moderate plans.

Let me suggest, again, that all can

nected with the mission make the endeavors which shall be put forth in the Missouri, a constant topic of earnest & believing prayer. Much will depend upon the spirit which pervades these important movements. Let the foundations be laid in faith & prayer, & we may see, at no distant day, "the glory of God". He who giveth wisdom to them that ask him, & that "liberally", who promises the harmony & mutual love of his children, for the honor of his great name, will delight to be the Guide & Protector of this little company of his fellow workers. Let us prove his faithfulness & his loving kindness herein.

Affectionately & fraternally

Yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
July 2. 1863

Rev. G. H. Pond
Bloomington, Min.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 18th ult. I have recd with one from your son Edward. The letter to the Mission which I send herewith, (& which you are requested to transmit to Dr. Williamson after you shall have read it,) will show (1) our willingness to send your son to the Missouri, in order that he may engage in missionary labors with Mr J. P. Williamson, & (2) the condition on which he is to go forward, i.e. his learning from Mr J. P. W. that the way is duly prepared. This matter I am willing to leave to your judgment. As soon as you shall think that the door is fairly open, & can cordially advise your son to enter this new field, you may start him (& the future Mrs P.) on their way. Such expenses as you deem it proper to incur on our account, you are at liberty to incur.

I have not asked the Comtee to appoint Edward & Miss H. assistant missionaries as yet. As soon as I am informed that they are about to proceed

The letter to the mission, sent herewith, please to give to Mrs. Riggs, after you have read it. One (letter of?) the same ... of Dr. W., another to Rev. Ed. Pond, who will read

to the Missouri, I will have the appointment made, if not before. You may consider the matter settled.

I suppose Miss Cunningham will also proceed to the new field; they will accompany you soon, I doubt not. I have written Dr. W. I have sent the mission letter to him, with the request that he will give it to Mrs. Riggs.

I hope & pray that the Lord will smile upon this interesting enterprise, which he has so strangely initiated. If the fruit of our labors on the Missouri shall answer to the hopes excited by the events of the last winter's ~~display~~ of ~~his sovereign~~ grace, we shall have great reason to rejoice. Surely, he is able to go even beyond our most ardent wishes.

I shall be pleased to hear any thing that pertains to the execution of the plan which I have discussed in my letter to the mission.

Kind regards to Mrs R. & your family.

Very truly & fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

The letter to the mission, sent herewith, please to give to Mrs. Riggs, after you have read it. One (like it) I have sent to J. P. W., another to the Sec. Board, who will read it & send it to Dr. W.

Miss. House Boston

July 2. 1863

Mr. H. D. Cunningham

Minneapolis. Minn.

Dear Sir.

Your favors of the 23d ult & 22d inst. are rec'd. The former I did not answer at once, because I hardly knew what to say. The plan in regard to the boarding school which the Williamsons approve, has not the full sanction of Mr Riggs, just now, as I understand the matter. I am inclined to think that we shall ultimately settle down upon a basis similar to the one advocated by the Williamsons; but I am not sure that the time has come for doing so. I have great respect for Mr R's opinion; and it is very desirable that any plan which may be adopted, should command itself to his judgment.

I have supposed that you & Mrs. C. might find useful labor with Dr. J. P. W. as also Mr & Mrs Ed. Pond; & that providence would indicate what measures will be best in a line of boarding school efforts. [illegible]

I think you had better go to the Williamsons, without any very definite expectations that really [illegible] what shall seem most desirable. There must be the superintendent of secular work, at first, in order to comfortable living. Mr. J. P. W. will have a good deal of spiritual [illegible] [illegible] to perform. Among others, the [illegible] teacher, the supplying [illegible] in their own tongue. Of course, you will perform [illegible] [illegible] whatever will [illegible] may make it possible [illegible] that they [illegible] [illegible] knowledge of the language may render themselves more useful [illegible] in this way, you will [illegible] teaching [illegible] further [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] the work of the ministry [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of J. P. Williamson, [illegible] [illegible] likely that [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] after some [illegible] days [illegible] [illegible] we should [illegible] other [illegible] (I hope Mr. Riggs will be there then) in the [illegible] adopt [illegible] will find [illegible] A. B. [illegible]

P. S. You understand in regard to the $150 & [illegible] I have [illegible]
I think it [illegible] made a mistake in some way.

Miss. House, Boston
July 2. 1863.

Rev. S. R. Riggs
St. Anthony Falls, Min.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 24th ult. duly rec^d & I thank you for the hints & suggestions which it contained. I send herewith a letter which will explain itself. One copy of it has gone to Dr. W. another to be sent over ~~[illegible]~~ I have sent a (triplicate) letter to the mission, one of which will be given by Mr Cunningham to Mrs Riggs. It contains the present views of the Com^ee in regard to the work on the Missouri. They favor the going of Mr & Mrs C. with Edwd & [illegible] the buildings into the hands of J. P. Williamson, & [illegible] as the way shall seem to be open, but the form of the boarding schools, as they understand. Perhaps it may be best for me to meet the mission next summer, for a conference in regard to this & other matters.

I suppose that you & Mr C. & Mrs & Mr P. will find work enough for some time, without doing much in the boarding establishment, that a good deal of secular labor will be needed; & it may be best to push the Dakota teaching as fast as practicable, for a time at least.

But who are to constitute the mission on the Missouri? J. P. W. expresses a doubt of whether Mr Foster will go there. We cannot of course [illegible]. I have not heard that he is going, though I have taken it for granted he is. It seems to me very desirable that you should go (if practicable) to [illegible] the ~~mission~~ work there. Of the suggestions which others may have for not going I know nothing.

Voted that Mr [illegible] would [illegible] now, through the absence from [illegible] others; but he will hardly follow you to "earth's end" [illegible] [illegible] he could. [illegible] the last month [illegible] [illegible] for a [illegible] month. Perhaps his three months wanderings [illegible] will be profitable for him. Kind regards to all your [illegible]

Very fraternally yrs

The Com^ee have acceded to your wishes in regard to visiting [illegible] You are at liberty to do so at the expense of the Board.

Miss. House Boston
July 2. 1863

Rev. Thos. S. Williamson M.D.
Davenport, Iowa

Dear Brother.

Your letters of May 27, June 19, & June 24. have duly recd. I send herewith a letter to the mission (I have sent one like it to your son & Mr Riggs.) I have also sent another (triplicate) letter to the mission, showing what the views of the Comm. are in respect to the work on the Upper Missouri. The one designed for you goes first to Mr Geo. H. Pond, in order that he know just what we are willing to do in regard to his son. (The Comm. favor the employment of Mr Ed. either [illegible] as helper or also (Mr & Mrs. Cunningham or associated with your son.) I have requested him to read the letter & then transmit it to you.

The Comm. have acceded to your wishes in regard to visiting Cincinnati. You are at liberty to do so at the expense of the Board.

I read with much interest what you wrote in regard to your labors among the Dakota prisoners at Davenport. You acted wisely in following them to their present home; for whatever may have been their guilt, they certainly need to be instructed in the way of salvation through a crucified Saviour. Though some of the people of Minnesota, enraged by cruelties perpetrated by the Indians, were once inclined to have any efforts made in their behalf, I am happy to learn that they are ready to acknowledge the valuable service which the missionaries have performed, as also the great change which has taken place in not a few of the Indians. You may be assured, therefore, that you have the cordial sympathy of the Presb'l Com'ee in your present sphere of effort, & their entire approval of your labors. In regard, it is a matter of common interest to you — Very affectionately yours Christians to sympathize with you in your work.

W. D. [illegible]

must give them some account of

This is both natural & reasonable.

Miss. House Boston

July 31. 1863

Rev. L. H. Wheeler

Odanah Wis.

Dear Bro.

I have supposed that I should see Mr. Gordon "about these days," & so hear fully from you & yours. But he has not made his appearance in the Miss. House as yet; & tomorrow I leave for Vt. & other places, to be absent 2 or 3 weeks.

It is possible that Mr. G. will bring your report; & if he does not, it may be on the way per mail. But to make the matter sure, I write now, & ask that there may ~~may~~ be no failure in this regard. It is a matter of common interest to you & to us. If you wish Christians to sympathize with you in your work, you must give them some account of it. This is both natural & reasonable.

Upon other topics, connected with your mission, I will not write now, but wait till I see Mr. Rice. I have no doubt that he will have been greatly pleased with his visit to Odanah, that you also will have been refreshed by his Christian fellowship & sympathy.

Our receipts are coming very well; the prospect now is that we shall close the year without any debt that will seriously embarrass us. For this great mercy, we cannot be sufficiently grateful to the God of missions.

Kindest regards to Mrs Wheeler & your family, as also to your fellow laborers, not forgetting Henry Blatchford & his wife.

Very affectionately yrs.

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
July 31. 1861

Rev. A. H. Pierce
Salamanca N.Y.

Dear Brother, Yours of the 8th [illegible]

Our Bro. Wright has sent his report to me; I write to request that yours may be forwarded, at an early day. I wish to prepare the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I must have the materials.

It is possible that you have performed this duty already; & that the [illegible] report [illegible] is on the way. If so, it is well; but this letter will do no harm in such an event.

Our receipts are coming in very small [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that the year will [illegible] close without any embarrassing debt. Kind regards to Mrs P. Very truly &c S. B. Treat

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Miss. House, Boston
July 21. 1863

Rev. A. Wright
Seneca.

Dear Bro. [illegible]

[illegible] I have just [illegible] for a little relaxation, much needed. [illegible]

[illegible] all summer, [illegible]

[illegible] If he moves to [illegible] the region for Catt. It is very hard [illegible]

[illegible] among them, it will be enough for me. Perhaps, however, to abide by good rules, I should write to some persons in [illegible] & get their estimate of him. Still your opinion will be the [illegible] testimonial

Miss. House Boston
July 31. 1863

Rev. A. Wright
Senecas.

Dear Bro.

Your letter of the 8th (bring the report) & the one of the 14th I have rec'd. As I am just going off for a little relaxation, much needed, I have not time to say much. But I wish to express the hope that you will give the woods a full trial. Make the most of them. If you are benefitted, stick to them, all summer, I would say. I have found that when a man needs rest, he should take, if possible, all that he needs. This is true economy.

In relation to Mr Curtis, I shall rejoice if he proves to be the man for Catt. It is very hard to find a young man who is adapted to the work, & willing to do it. If you think that he will so interest the Indians as to be a successful laborer among them, it will be enough for me. Perhaps, however, to abide by good rules, I should write to some persons in Wis. & get their estimate of him. Still your opinion will be the hinging testimonial

In regard to what he will need, I should like to have Mr C. talk the matter over, & write to me [illegible] will they to do what is right. The questions will arise: How long will he labor among the Senecas? Will he take the vacant house, once occupied by Mr [illegible]. Our allowances will be affected by the answer to these inquiries. E. g. if he wishes to take the house, we should need to put it in repair; & if he proposes to stay a considerable number of years, we should expect [illegible] his removal.

But if he stays only one year, I suppose we ought not to do so much in paying the charges of removal [illegible] that we shall have no difficulty in arranging the pecuniary questions.

Kindest regards to Mrs H. & all with you [illegible] supposed [illegible]

Very affectionately

S. B. Treat

Mr Elder may propose a bill in a few days

Miss. House Boston
July 31. 1863

J. W. Sandes, Esq
Edinburgh

Dear Sir,

Your favor of July 8 I have duly rec^d. I send herewith Rev. A. Wright's annual report. He is not well; & hence his statement is a little sombre. We see no reason to be discouraged; on the other hand, we find much among the Senecas to cheer & animate us. The Lord has been pleased to do a blessed work among them.

I do not quite understand your request in regard to advice of bills drawn. I believe I have always advised you of my bills, so that you could secure notice of them as early (I have supposed earlier) as they could reach Edinburgh. Recently, moreover, we have drawn (both Treasr & Sec) bills at 30 days from sight. Perhaps you wish the Treasurer to be advised of

I [illegible] the Miss. House, Boston

[illegible] near greatly

Aug.t 26. 1863

in the [illegible] upon [illegible] purpose to

Rev. Mr Cutler Bills drawn on him. If so we

Cattaraugus will conform to our rules. [illegible] field, & I hope

Suppose we draw sight bills

[illegible] and issue to the treasurer one week

before they go forward. This plan of the

11th inst. is satisfactory to the Miss. House we suppose

Should not any annual bill

I could not bring it before the

be drawn upon John Elder Esq.?

[illegible] that you have hit our Treas=

that Payment quite ready to collect your [illegible]

I submit a list of the present Commit.e and that

is in Boston: the officers are [illegible] Cattaraugus

John Tappan Esq. Pres.t

(Jenks) William Jenks D.D. Vice Pres.t

They Rev. Selah B. Treat Secretary a [illegible]

Henry Hill Esq. Treas.r Your salary

The other Com.ee are Hon. Pliny

[illegible] Cutler, Charles Stoddard Esq may commence with the

1st [illegible] Rev. David Greene, Rev. Nehemiah [illegible] expense of

Adams D.D. Rev. Rufus Anderson at our C.

D.D. Rev. George W. Blagden D.D. amount is [illegible] $250

Hon. Samuel H. Walley, Wm Ropes

the [illegible] Esq. Theophilus R. Marvin Esq. may be purchased

at our charge [illegible] sufficient to

S. B. Treat

keep a small family comfortable, & the means of

locomotion, which are to go into the hands of your

successor. If your service is for only 3 or 4 years.

Miss. House. Boston
Aug. 26. 1863

Rev. Mr Curtis
Cattaraugus.

Dear Bro.

Mr Wright's letter of the 11th inst. came to the Miss. House in my absence; & I could not bring it before the Prud. Comee till yesterday. I am happy to say that they are quite ready to enlist you & Mrs. C. in the service of the Board, to the end that you may preach the gospel to the Cattaraugus Indians.

They assent, moreover, to the terms which Mr Wright has mentioned, viz. (1) Your salary to be $500 per year; (2) it may commence with the 1st Sab. in May, you defraying the expense of removal; (3) the house to be repaired at our cost, if the amount is not much above $25; (4) the articles specified by Bro. W. may be purchased at our charge, viz, "stoves, furniture sufficient to keep a small family comfortable, & the means of locomotion," which are to go into the hands of your successor, if your service is for only 3 or 4 years.

I trust the Lord will bless you greatly in this work upon which you purpose to enter. It is an interesting field, & I hope He will be pleased to keep you in it for many years.

As it will be necessary to mention this arrangement in our Ann. Report, I will thank you to give me the full name of yourself & Mrs Curtis.

And I will thank you also to suggest to Mr Wright to bring into the account for 1862-3 (to close Aug. 31) such items connected with your labors, as properly belong there in these anomalous times. We do not wish to throw upon the coming year what belongs to the present year.

Affectionate regards to Mr. Foster & Mr W. at Cattaraugus.

Very fraternally

S. B. Treat

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but I have conferred with our Editor, Mr. I. R. Worcester, & we do not well see how we can use them. We have no publication that is suited to them. It seems to me best, therefore, that you let Dr. Hallock publish the Sketches; & if they are ever put into a book they will have a wide circulation. Of course, they can be brought into a single volume, if you desire it.

I ought to say perhaps, as the result of some experience, that the question of subsequent publication would need to be looked at somewhat carefully. Such a plan has been contemplated in other cases, only, however, to be abandoned. Book making is a very uncertain business. I would ~~you~~ advise you to publish the Sketches, in volume form, merely because of a clear & undoubted demand, growing out of their popularity as read in some periodical.

Very sincerely,

yrs

S. B. Treat

[illegible] [illegible] Aug. 28, 1863.

Rev. T. S. Williamson M.D.
St. Peter, Minn.

Dear Bro.

Your letters of July 31 & Aug. 1, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] to hear that Gen. Roberts has excluded you from the [illegible] ministers; that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] subject, at the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that we should [illegible] any [illegible].

[illegible], [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] will [illegible] next, & will spend [illegible] that period with your family, so that on that ground there is no special urgency. Yours

Possibly the changes at which you hint, will remove every difficulty. Hence I am quite content to do nothing for the immediate present.

If you hear nothing from Mr. Dole, it may be well to write to him, & get some answer.

He will say, perhaps, that he has transmitted the papers to the War Office, & there stop. Possibly he may say more.

In case nothing is done, I would suggest that you address a letter to the Pres.— you send it to me. I will get some one to present it, Mr. J. C. Smith &c, perhaps, if no one else occurs.

I suppose that the Board might pass a resolution on this subject, at the Ann. Meeting, if it should seem best. But an appeal to the Presid. I think, would be sufficient. Perhaps the Comee could back it to some purpose.

Kindest regards to Mrs. N. your sister & all your family.

Very fraternally
yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Sept. 12. 1862.

Rev L. H. Wheeler,
Ojibwas.

Dear Brother.

Your report has been duly rec'd & the substance of it is embraced in my part of the An. Report. Mr. Ells' report was also rec'd. I gave it to Mr Gordon, who went to Washington; so that I had it not before me, in preparing the history of the mission for the year. This report, as to statements is [illegible]

Mr. Gordon seems to have enjoyed his visit to Odanah very much; he has come back improved in health. Still he is not quite as well as I wish he was.

Your letter to me of Aug. 17 we have discussed; & the matters of business therein have been submitted to the Prud. Com. They authorize the addition of $50 to [illegible] [illegible] beginning with Jan 1863 [illegible]; they allow the cost of painting the buildings [illegible] church, not to exceed $400; & $110 for the education of your son & daughter, in case you shall send them away to school.

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The Com^ee also assent to your putting the farm in a condition for renting it on shares to Leonard, if he wishes to take it. We will pay for the horses & wagon; & you may build a barn at an expense of not more than $500.

I trust this arrangement will relieve you from a good deal of care; & I hope it will not be unprofitable for the Island. Mr Gordon thinks well of it.

Your report of the state of things at Kaluaaha is rather sombre; but it may be that the Lord of the harvest has better things in store for you. For such a blessing let us pray, constantly, fervently, believingly.

Kindest regards to Mrs. H. & all your fellow-laborers.

Very affectionately

Yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Oct. 27. 1863.

Rev. S. R. Riggs
St. Anthony

Dear Bro.

Your two letters of Sept 15 & Oct. 1 are before me. The former came to hand just before I went to the An. Meeting; the latter was recd during my absence.

I congratulate you upon your safe return to your family; & I beg leave to congratulate Mrs Riggs on the fact. The discomforts such a separation was compensated in part by the pleasures of the reunion. To your children, moreover, it must have been a special joy.

What you say in regard to the future of the Dakotas, I have read with interest & attention; & I reckon your impressions as correct. It seems to be utterly impossible to make any calculation in regard to the permanent location of these Indians; & hence it is hard for us to make any plans in their behalf. We can only wait for the developments of Providence.

Suppose I should be able to visit your mission next season, what suggestions would you make in relation thereto? Would it be necessary to go up the Missouri to J. P. Williamson's present locality? How much time would such an excursion require? What would be the best season for going? What would be the proper route? Would there be danger of serious delays? Would Dr. Williamson be there? I am inclined to get some information in reference to this matter at an early day, as other arrangements may depend, on any plans which I may frame for going [illegible].

Your letter of Oct. 1 was read before the Committee last Tuesday, the first meeting held since the Annual Meeting of the Board. They voted to allow $75 to Mr. Renville for boarding & teaching Dakota children, according to the plan of Dr. Williamson & yourself. You are at liberty, therefore, to place four such children in his family, he receiving $75 for each of the four.

I hope that the feelings of the people of Minnesota will become more kind to the Indian race. There ought to be some discrimination [illegible] &

Yonkers left, even after the provocation which they have received. The peace of the State can be in but little danger from such a handful of men.

In regard to reading for the Indians, it seems to me desirable that they should have the N. T. as you propose to bring it out; & also that there be a new edition of the former book. I have written to Dr Hallock of the N. Y. Tract Soc. asking him to publish such an edition, & I will write to you, when I learn the result of my application.

We enter upon a new year with some solicitude & with a good deal of hope. Exchange is high; it is difficult to foresee what is to be the financial state of the country, especially in certain contingencies. But the spirit of the meeting at Rochester was very good; in fact, the whole affair went off remarkably well.

Kind regards to Mrs. R. & your family.

Very fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston

Nov. 18. 1863

Rev. C. Eells

Walla Walla W. T.

Dear Brother

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Your letter of Feb. [illegible] is now [illegible] addressed to Mr Gordon was duly received. It has not been overlooked, though you may have thought so.

As Mr Gordon was going to Portland [illegible] it only [illegible] I concluded to send [illegible] communication to the Sec. of the Int. on the subject of your letter. I took your statement [illegible] the [illegible] of a brief argument, especially in the question of our occupancy, at the time the law was passed, under which we claim, & asked for [illegible]. It was not till Aug. or Oct. that we received an answer; the substance & import of which is that the Com. of Lands reports to the Sec. [illegible] holding that the cases have not been reported to the Land Office by the Surveyor Genl. [illegible] the data [illegible] waiting for a judgment on their merits; that it appears, however, that the Board was not in actual possession at the date of the Act, under which it claims; hence the case stands upon the same

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Your letter of Feb. 10. addressed to Mr Gordon was duly rec'd. It has not been overlooked, though you may have thought so.

As Mr Gordon was going to Washington at an early day, I concluded to send by him a communication to the Sec. of the Interior, on the subject of your letter. I took your statement as the basis of a brief argument, especially on the question of our occupancy at the time the law was passed under which we claim, & asked for relief. It was not till this A.M. that we rec'd an answer; the substance & purport of which is, that the Com. of Lands reports to the Sec. of the Interior that the cases have not been reported to the Land Office by the Surveyor Gen. — so the data are wanting for a judgment on their merits; that it appears, however, that the Board was not in "actual possession", at the date of the Act, under which it claims; hence the case stands upon the same ground as the claim of the Methodist Mission for the Dalles property, which was rejected before the Land Comr. [illegible] appealed to the Department, & remains undecided. We are assured by the Sec. that as soon as that case is decided, we shall receive due information. Meantime, [illegible] your [illegible] of June 20 & Aug 19. [illegible] Wm. J. Hubbard, [illegible] that the Methodist [illegible] take the property [illegible] larger interest than we have, [illegible] can [illegible]. They [illegible] in Washington than we are, [illegible] capital [illegible] place for [illegible], especially [illegible] Christian [illegible]. your part [illegible] Of course, [illegible]. This may be [illegible]. We [illegible] the matter of taking the schools, I have to say [illegible] no information whatever that the Indian department [illegible] us to become a party [illegible] arrangement as you mention; & [illegible] the Comr. can [illegible]

Miss. House Boston
Nov. 16. 1863

Rev. H. H. Spalding
Lewiston. Idaho T.

Dear Brother.

I have before me your letters of June 28 & Aug. 19. Hon. Wm. J. Hubbard, formerly Chairman of the Prud. Com.ee has also placed in my hands yours of July 31. & Mrs Spalding's of June —

The points which you present in your communications have been considered by the Com.ee & I should have replied earlier, had I not been anxious to obtain some light from the Sec. of the Interior, in regard to our labors in your part of the world. I have this morning rec.d a letter from the office of the Interior; though the answer is neither final nor satisfactory, I will write to you without further delay.

I. As to the matter of taking the schools, I have to say to you (1) that we have had no intimation whatever that the Indian Department wish us to become a party to such an arrangement as you mention; & (2) the Com.ee can ignore and assurance that they will assume the responsibilities proposed, can if requested, be done by the proper authorities. We have had no longer fruitful experience in this matter of regulating schools, subject to inspection [illegible] by the Govt. & are not anxious to add any more chapters thereto. If you review the history of official wrongs in your region, I think you will see that we might reasonably anticipate abundant inconvenience, & possibly very unpleasant complications. Such matters never can be managed properly by men who obtain their places on party grounds, & lose them for the same reasons.

II. We are willing to sell you our interest in the land which you claim at Lapwai for a fair compensation, as we have no information on the question of [illegible] & [illegible] what you give us. Let me suggest that it be referred to Mr Ells as an impartial judge in the matter. His opinion, I doubt not, will be satisfactory to the Commn [illegible] a resumption of labors, but I am sorry that I must report that there is some uncertainty about the title. For the case [illegible] is not very clear to me, and the Land Office, I suppose, is material to a different opinion, & the Sec. of the Interior may take the same view of the case.

I made a representation to Mr Usher, last May, in regard to our property at Tshimakain, referring at the same time to Lapwai & Waiilatpu. I took the statement of facts as Mr. Eells gave them to me, & argued that we had the occupancy of the three stations, in a legal construction. (1) We had all the occupancy which was possible. Our missionaries were not in actual possession of these stations, because the authority of the U.S. Govt had been set at naught. (2) If we were not the occupants, who were? No society could make out a good claim, if we could not; & so the act becomes a nullity, which is not to be admitted in legal formalities. (3) I referred to what I supposed had been decided in favor of the Methodists. In reply to the allegation that we have lost our rights, because we did not resume our operations, I said (1) that the Act of 1848 did not prescribe as a condition a resumption of labors, but "confirmed & established" our title *immediately*. (2) The reason why we did not resume, was the failure of the Govt, for a number of years, to bring the Indians into a state which seemed propitious for our labors

I learn from the Interior Department to day that the facts in the matter of our Stations are ~~not~~ reported by the Surveyor General; but that our case seems to be like that of the Methodists which the Com'r has decided adversely to them ~~but~~ & they have appealed to the Sec'y. As soon as the question shall be decided by him, I have taken measures to get a copy of his opinion. On receiving that I shall write to you, & you will see what steps to take. A decision in favor of the Methodists will probably be conclusive in both cases; one against them will not be prejudicial, if we can present a different state of facts. Cost upon them, if practicable, inasmuch as the present reports to Mr. S. seems to me somewhat uncertain. They [illegible] fraternally [illegible] was hopeful & courageous; but it is much easier to write to raise $500.000 than [illegible] raise it. Mr. Shaker doubtless has a good deal of hard work to do if he gets $450.000 and the price of exchange is likely to be high, or higher even than it was last year. Various causes are operating to make gold a dear article in the market; & I fear that they will continue to operate adversely.

Miss. House, Boston
Nov. 20. 1863

Rev. T. S. Williamson M.D.
St. Peter, Min.

Dear Brother

Your favor of Sept. 22. reached the Miss. House just as I was leaving for the Ann. Meeting. As soon as I had leisure after my return, I wrote to Mr Hallock, Sec. of the Tract Soc. at New York, asking if that Soc. would print an edition of the Dakota hymn book. To this inquiry I have rec'd no reply. I should like to throw the cost upon them, if practicable, inasmuch as the financial future of our country seems to me somewhat uncertain. The meeting at Rochester was hopeful & courageous; but it is much easier to *vote* to raise $500.000 than to *actually* raise it. We shall doubtless have a good deal of hard work ~~to do~~, if we get $450.000. And the price of exchange is likely to be high, & higher even that it was last year. Various causes are operating to make gold a dear article in the market; & I fear that they will continue to operate actively.

I am glad to learn from Mr Riggs that Genl Roberts has rescinded his order of exclusion. I could not believe that this would stand, though I did not know how much pressure would be needed to effect a change. You will have seen in the Minn. Herald what notice was taken of the matter at the meeting of the Board.

I have thought a good deal of the plan of bringing the prisoners to New England, as Ex Senator Rice suggested, but I confess that it seems to me difficult of execution. There is no doubt that if the Govt should advertise for offers, they would get them, & very likely in considerable numbers; but the object in making them would be to secure a profit; & I fear that this with most would be the sole inducement. To induce men of true benevolence & undoubted competency to undertake such an enterprise would not be an easy task.

Mr Riggs writes that most of them are willing to enlist. If this scheme is practicable, I should think well of it. It relieves them & the Govt from an unpleasant position; & both might be gainers. Precisely how they would be used, I dont know. They would need to have officers who understood Dakota, to some extent at least. How would this part of the plan be carried out?

I am sorry to hear that Mrs W. is not as well as she has been in past years. I hope there is nothing serious in the case. Please to assure her of my sympathy & my affectionate regards.

If you have any wisdom as to our future plans among the Dakotas, I shall be glad to receive it. What are the prospects of your son & his fellow laborers? You probably have more information than I have.

Kind regards to all the members of your family.

Very fraternally yours
in the Gospel of Christ
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Nov. 20. 1863

Rev S. R. Riggs
St. Anthony. Min

Dear Brother

Yours of Nov. 7th I have rec'd & read with much pleasure. I am glad to hear that Genl Roberts has rescinded his order of exclusion; in fact, I had no doubt that it would be rescinded, sooner or later; but how much pressure might be needed, I could not tell. It is gratifying to hear that there is so much evidence of piety among the prisoners. I have always supposed that there would be considerable weeding out, at some time; & the reports thus far are quite as good as I expected.

If the plan of enlistment is practicable, I shall rejoice to see it tried. Of course, you have considered the difficulties, risks &c; & you can appreciate them much better than I can. But if the prisoners can be rendered useful as soldiers, & can be properly cared for, it seems to me that the scheme would be a good one. You will know, however, just what things are to be guarded against.

I am prepared to assent to your statement in regard to the injustice done to these Indians by their summary trials. We make some allusion to this matter in our Semi-Report. It would be difficult to convince me that such a method of administering justice could be safe or defensible.

In case the prisoners should not enlist as soldiers, is there no way of securing a pardon for those who may be thought to be innocent? The President, I am sure, is a just man, & would be glad to do right. The people of Minnesota & others would raise an outcry, I doubt not, if any thing were done to mitigate the sentences which have been rendered; & possibly nothing is practicable. But it will do no harm for you to turn your thoughts in this direction.

Kindest regards to Mrs R. & the children.

Very fraternally

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S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Dec. 4. 1863

Rev. W. Willey,
Fort Gibson.

Dear Brother,

Your letter of Oct 28 to Mr. Anderson arrived at the Miss. House Nov. 24. He requested me to attend to the matter of your request; & accordingly I brought the subject before the Prud. Com^{e} the first opportunity. The result is, that we relinquish all our property at Dwight to you, making your title as complete as we know how to make it. The paper which I send herewith, I trust, will enable you to avail yourself of such property as is left; & we give you a title to all which we may have owned since Oct 2. 1860, in order that you may recover stolen articles, if you can find them.

We have heard of your occasion-

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions held at the Missionary House Boston on the [illegible] day of December 1863, it was Voted [illegible] the [illegible] land & personal, which the said [illegible] late one of its [illegible] stations, at the present [illegible], as also all property, real & personal, which it may have owned [illegible] at any time [illegible] relinquished transferred [illegible] Wiley, he the said Wiley having [illegible] at said [illegible] to have & to hold for his own [illegible].

Resolved that [illegible] certify that said Prudential Committee [illegible] to convey all its [illegible] to said Wiley as [illegible] is to be regarded & treated as beyond [illegible]

Missionary House Boston
December 2 1863.

S. B. Treat } Secretary of the A B C F M

Treasurer of the A B C F M

ally, through circuitous channels; & I trust that your trials will come to an end at an early day. A few months more, & the rebellion must collapse; at least, so it seems to me.

I saw John Ross & Mr. Jones (whom we saw at his house) in Philadelphia last spring; both were well. We had a missionary meeting before the Gen. Assembly (O. S.) which they attended.

Our Indian missions, in one way & another, seem to be coming to an end. The Ojibwa mission is small; & the Dakota mission has had, & is having, great trials.

Very fraternally

Yrs

S. B. Treat

Your note of Oct. 2 & Nov. 20 [illegible]

Miss. Rooms Boston

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions held at the Missionary House Boston on the 1st day of December 1863. it was Voted That all the property, real & personal, which the said Board owns & possesses at Dwight, late one of its missionary stations, in the Cherokee Nation, at the present time, as also all property, real & personal, which it may have owned & possessed at said Dwight at any time since the 2d day of October, 1860, be relinquished transferred & conveyed to Rev. Worcester Willey, he the said Willey having been a missionary of said Board at said Dwight on said 2d day of October, 1860, to have & to hold for his own proper use & behoof forever.

And the undersigned hereby certify that said Prudential Committee have full power & authority to convey all its interest in the property aforesaid to said Willey as aforesaid, so that his title thereto is to be regarded & treated as beyond question or impeachment

Missionary House Boston
December 2 1863.

Secretaries of
the ABCFM

Treasurer of the
ABCFM

& thereafter, as they may have to offer, you knowing nothing of them. You always walk at a great disadvantage, in such cases.

Your note of Oct. 2 & Nov. 20 then rec'd.

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 11. 1863

Rev L. H. Wheeler
Odanah. Wis.

Dear Brother

Yours of Nov. 30, from Fond du Lac, I have rec'd with your letter to Senator Doolittle. Mr Treat & my-self have had some doubts about forwarding the paper; perhaps if we understood the whole case, we should think differently.

1. I do not perceive that there is any special obligation on you to communicate these facts at this time. You have written fully to the Department, heretofore; & if it is not properly informed, the fault is not yours. I suppose you have given Senator Doolittle oral knowledge of the case, sufficient to keep his eyes open.

2. If Mr D. has the letter, he will be very likely to show it to Mr Usher or Mr Dole; & he will receive, in return, such explanations & denials, as they may have to offer, you knowing nothing of them. We always work at a great dis-advantage, in such cases.

3. You may make up a pretty strong opposition by this course, which will be [illegible] embarrassing. [illegible] will be intended to dispose [illegible], & make calumniating allegations [illegible] confederates [illegible] on the advantage of our dealing with honest men, in all such matters.

4. You [illegible] questions which involve [illegible] action on the Indian employés. [illegible] obtain more cooperation, [illegible] all these cases, by confining yourself [illegible]! Please to think of this point.

[illegible] Department is managed [illegible] by politicians; & the less [illegible] for the real good of the aborigines of the U. S. is badly administered, [illegible]; because the [illegible] power is [illegible]. [illegible] will [illegible] our plans [illegible] from officious intermeddling. [illegible] to let other matters rest upon the wisdom & conscience of the powers that be.

If you differ from me, please to let me know.

[illegible] report to Mr Dole. I am keeping till [illegible] the vouchers ready to send [illegible] to [illegible]. You are [illegible]

Miss. House, Boston,
Dec. 16. 1863

Rev. J. P. Williamson
Mr. H. D. Cunningham
Mr. E. R. Pond. Dear Brethren.

The letter of Nov. 10, written by Mr Cunningham in behalf of your station, with one from Mr Williamson dated Nov. 13 & one from Mr Cunningham dated Nov. 12, is duly rec^d. It grieves us all to find that the condition of the Indians is so depressed & trying, in their present home; & we are very sorry that your own position is so undesirable. You have the sympathy of the Com^ee & of all at the Miss. House; & I may add that many in our ch^s have followed to your new abode with deep interest. They (as we do) pray that these days of trial may be shortened.

We are greatly perplexed by the question, "What is to be done?" All matters affecting the Indians are difficult to manage; & I sometimes become disinclined to to ask any thing, or even expect any thing of the U. S. Govt. The President I believe to be honest & humane; & would like to do just what he ought to do. But offices are given, for the most part, to politicians. This is the established usage; & I know not how a change can be made. Hence in any matter that may be considered, the inquiry is, not, "what does justice demand?" but, "what is best for certain schemers?"

Now it would seem that a simple statement of the facts would lead to some change in the arrangements for these Indians. And possibly contractors, in the hope of making money by their transfer to another spot, would favor a new location. But many would oppose any agitation of the question. Hence it is not clear that any thing can be accomplished in this regard.

We are in great uncertainty, therefore, as to the future of these Indians. For this reason the Comee feel some hesitation in sanctioning any considerable ex=

penditure at your present station. Suppose we authorize the erection of buildings to the extent of $1800, & the Indians may be removed in 165, & the whole cost becomes profitless. We have lost a good deal in this way in past years; & so we have learned caution, if not wisdom.

The Com.ee therefore, sanction your estimates for things necessary viz

$700 for Mr & Mrs. Cunningham
$400 " " Mr. Williamson
$400 " " " Pond.

I understand you to ask $300 for school books. The same is also granted.

In regard to buildings & outfits, the Com.ee would not hesitate, if the permanency of your labors at the present place were established. But as the case appears to them, upon your own showing, they cannot feel that they ought to make these grants just now. If you do not agree with them, I trust you will be able, at least, to understand the ground of their reluctance. They administer a trust, you will remember.

The question fairly arises whether any thing should be attempted by the mission, or by us or by both, towards effecting a transfer of your Indians to some different point. It may be well for you to consider it, if you have not already, & correspond with the two older members of the mission, & with me also in case any thing occurs to you as feasible.

The matter of my conferring with the mission, next year, has been referred to by myself & others. It is possible that I may have no leisure for such a service, (especially if the finances of the Board should be unprosperous,) but I should like to know whether a meeting at Davenport will answer, supposing the prisoners to be there. Also how should one go to your place? "From" St Joseph by steamer, I suppose; but how often do the boats run up the river? At what seasons? And how far? What time is required for the passage? How long would it take me to go from St Joseph, do what is needed & return there? Very truly yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Dec. 17, 1863

Rev S. R. Riggs
St. Anthony Minn

Dear Brother

Your letter of the 5th reached me the 14th. Next day, I submitted the question of the ownership of the plates to the Com^{ee}; & they thought that clearly the Tract. Soc. could not claim them.

I wrote to Dr. Hallock, Oct 22, wishing to know if his Soc. would publish a new edition of the hymn book. He made no reply. At first, I supposed that time might be requisite for considering the matter in Com^{ee}. But when your letter came, I wrote to him, wishing to know whether he had rec^{d} mine of Oct 22. I have the answer this A.M. He does not say that he did receive it, but gives an excuse for not printing the edition "till now," (underscore is mine.) & says that he has a letter from you, in which you state that you wish to make corrections. He then says. "Should there not be a perfect understanding between Mr Riggs & the Secretaries of the Board, so that so many & so many only as are needed, should be printed; as Mr Riggs is so prompt & thorough in all that pertains to it, would it not be better that the orders come ~~from~~ through him"? I will now wait until we have the corrections from Bro Riggs; then we will meet his wishes, as far as practicable, unless we hear from you that some other course is practicable.

I regard this letter as rather remarkable. I am sorely tempted to give good Dr. A. "a rap on the knuckles". But I think I will leave the matter in your hands. Please to go forward, therefore; thenceforth I will let you correspond with Dr. A exclusively on this subject. What had you not better get an admission from him that the plates belong to the Board? All the labor & skill were furnished by the missionaries. The Soc. merely gave $50 towards printing the edition.

The Missouri River missionaries want estimates amounting to $4900. The Com. thought matters were too uncertain to justify their going beyond present necessities, i.e. salaries & books. But they are anxious to do whatever is wise. Have we erred?

Kind regards to Mrs R & family

Very fraternally &c S B Treat

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 17. 1863

Hon. Wm. P. Dole,
Com.r of Ind. Affairs

Sir.

You will receive herewith a letter from Mr Gordon, which will show you that he has charged off from the moneys received under the treaty of New Echota $2974. In respect to the sum expended among the Ojibwas, I suppose, no question can arise. But it may be asked whether we should make such a charge for moneys expended among the Dakotas.

In reply, permit me to say that we have not abandoned our efforts in behalf of these Indians. Though we condemn the massacres, in the strongest terms, we believe that the guilty parties, so far as arrested, have been sufficiently punished; that many, indeed, ~~with~~ have been treated with undue severity; while not a few of the innocent have suffered grievous injustice. Nor can we forget the provocations which the Dakotas have received through many years

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In these circumstances, we have thought it to be our duty to "be not weary in well doing", but rather to ~~toil~~ labor diligently & hopefully, in the presence of all the hostility which has been excited against them. And I am happy to say that our reward has been unexpectedly great. Never, in all the history of our endeavors among these people, has so deep an impression been made upon them.

In particular, let me say that we have never had so many persons who could write, not even from the beginning, if all were added together; & there is now a demand for books much beyond our ability to meet. I respectfully suggest, therefore, that we may properly charge off $2000 from the New Echota treaty money.

I am aware that you gave notice to Mr Gordon, by letter dated April 27, 1863 that the Govt would expend no more moneys for schools among the Dacotahs "at present". This, I suppose, had reference to its moneys, & not to our own contribution. In fact the ~~[illegible]~~ expression, "within the Department", suggests this. Since we have asked for nothing from the civilization fund on this account:

but we think it perfectly reasonable that that $2000 of your New Echota money should be applied as Mr Gordon has indicated

Very respectfully,

your obedient servant

S. B. Treat

Sec. of the A B C F M

Miss. Home, Tuscon

Jan. 13. 1864

Hon. Wm P. Dole
Com. of Indn. Affairs

Sir.

Herewith you will receive ~~the voucher of Mr Gordon as now forwarded~~ for the expenses of the Odanah boarding school. Allowance is made, you ~~will~~ see, for the ~~produce~~ profits of the land, according to the terms of the contract entered into by Mr Manypenny & Mr Gordon. The figures ~~seem to be sufficient general~~; are not given as perfectly accurate, I presume, because of the difficulty of keeping an exact account, in such circumstances.

The present superintendent is Dr. Ellis, who took the place of Mr Spencer, in last April, ~~having been~~ after being connected with the school as teacher for nearly two years. From his communications I glean the following facts. Of the pupils last reported (eight boys & eleven girls) two have completed — to — seventeen years

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The plan for conducting the school, heretofore reported, ~~has~~ is still in operation. The boys have been instructed in ~~the~~ the different branches of farm work, & have labored themselves, according to their ability; but six boys, mostly ~~between the age~~ from twelve to fourteen, cannot be expected to perform a great amount of such labor. The girls have been taught sewing by the female teacher; & under the direction of the two other ladies in the boarding school they have learned for themselves —

other boys. Besides learning the routine of the Kitchen [illegible].

While we must admit

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Miss. House Boston

Jan. 25. 1864

Rev. T. S. Williamson M.D.
Davenport, Iowa. —

Dear Brother

Yours of the 12th Dec. I duly rec^d & read with interest. I am glad that you have free access to the prisoners once more; but I regret that there is so much of discouragement in the prospects of the Dakotas. Still we must not give up yet. The clouds may pass away not many days hence.

The Com^ee assent to your plan for visiting Washington, at the expense of the Board. I cannot congratulate you upon the privilege which you are to enjoy; for there is nothing which I dislike more than visiting our national capital; but I hope that you will be able to benefit the poor Indians. For such a result, you can afford to endure some things which are not altogether pleasant. The Lord be with you, & give you good success!

The negotiations, in regard to the Hymn book, with the Am. Tract Soc. I propose to leave in the hands of Mr. Riggs. I am not altogether pleased with the manner in which a letter that I sent to the Soc. some time since was treated. I suppose a new edition for the use of our mission will be found soon.

They have made appropriations for the work of the mission for the Mission, on a moderate [illegible] basis, preferring not, however, to go beyond necessary things till you know the plans of the Govt. more perfectly. Your going to Washington, I hope, will ascertain what those plans are likely to be.

The appropriations for yourself & Mr Riggs are not made. In fact, it is very difficult to make them, because of the other expenses which may be inevitable.

Very fraternally

S. B. Treat

what is necessary for mill & pump. Cost of removal will be a proper charge &c.

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 28. 1864

Rev. N. A. Pierce
Alleghany

Dear Bro.

Your letters of Dec. 11 & Jan. 20 have come to hand. The former has not answered; because I have been waiting to hear from Mr Wrights estimates. They have not come as yet. As soon as they do, I will bring the matter before the Com.ee

I see that you ask $100 for an interpreter. You also say that it was suggested that you give Jas. Pierce $100. & ask $50 for native help. Is this $50 to be in addition to the $100 in the estimates? Please to indicate just what seems to be the best plan, having due regard to economy.

In regard to your letter of Jan. 20. I am authorized by the Com.ee to say (1) you can sell the house now occupied by you for $1300; (2) receive the sum advanced by you $548.36; (3) remove to Old Town, as soon as you please; & (4) expend $500 for improvements at Old Town, besides what is necessary for well or pump. Cost of removal will be a proper charge to it.

The Com^ee expressed some surprise that you should have laid out so much of your own money on the house which you occupy. If it was done with the expectation that they should refund, they think that there should have been a full understanding at the outset. Perhaps, however, you intended to leave that matter undetermined, not wishing to have any appearance of claim for the money. As the case stands, they are quite willing to refund the $588. I think it well [illegible] well, at the same time, not to go beyond the sums which they have allowed for Old Town improvements, without the sanction of the Com^ee. Being they are business men, they like to have business done as such, i.e. on business principles.

We hope to hear that the Spirit of the Lord is poured out abundantly on your people, not many days hence.

Very fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

Miss. House Boston

Rev. S. R. Riggs

St. Anthony. — Dear Bro.

I have rec.d & gave Mr. Hill Treas.r of the Boston Tract Soc. an extract from your letter; & more recently have conferred with Mr Warren, the Sec.y The result is the letter which I send herewith. I know not that I have occasion to add any thing.

Mr W. expressed some doubts, at first, as to your bringing the tract into 160 pp; but we concluded that you might well attend to print the question upon it [illegible] the tract Society's ed.n & the hymns. These [illegible] would reduce the size materially. Mr W. also thought that other deductions could be made without detriment to the sense in the [illegible].

Kindest regards to Mrs R. & the children.

Very fraternally

S. B. Treat

Rev. L. H. Wheeler

Jan. 29, 1864

Dear Bro.

I suppose you return the 25th the papers [illegible] copied of which we have just rec.d from Mr [illegible]. You will understand their import, as well as [illegible]. I am surprised that the Interior department has terminated the contract, without giving as notice of what was intended.

[illegible] brought the question before the Com.ee [illegible] they concluded that they could [illegible] continuance of the [illegible] boarding school [illegible] costs [illegible] therefore; the Govt will change its purpose, I don't [illegible] in any way to affect the [illegible] of the school.

You may wish to [illegible] of the matter, & may wish to attempt something in this line of things. In anticipation of such a contingency, the Com.ee authorize you to [illegible]

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 10. 1864

Rev. L. H. Wheeler
Odanah. Wis.

Dear Bro.

I send herewith the papers (copied) which we have just rec^d from Mr Dole. You will understand their import, as well as I do. I am surprised that the Interior department has terminated the contract, without giving us notice of what was intended.

I brought the question before the Com^ee yesterday P.M. & they concluded that they could not, in the present circumstances of the Board, carry forward the boarding school at our sole expense. We have paid out a good deal of money for this experiment; & upon the present basis it costs us as much as we ought to pay. Unless, therefore, the Gov^t will change its purpose, I don't see any way to avoid the closing of the school.

You may wish to avoid this issue of the matter, & may wish to attempt something in this line of things. In anticipation of such a contingency, the Com^ee authorize you to visit

Washington, at our expense, or to do what you can to continue the old arrangement. You can obtain such materials for influencing the Military Department as are accessible, especially the letters of white persons, or you can get letters, perhaps, to members of Congress from persons who are friendly to the mission.

As to the [illegible] [illegible], see [illegible] rather than I can. It would be [illegible] for you to wait a few weeks. [illegible] haste, unless it be that Agt. Webb may inaugurate his plans, without [illegible] that the Department may [illegible] not [illegible] a long suspense, of course, until Agt. Webb has certain schemes which he is anxious to put in operation, and that our boarding schools [illegible] [illegible] the heading of the [illegible]

Should you wish me to go to Washington soon, I will do so if I can. I am expecting to visit the West in March, & that may occupy more than 4 or 5 weeks. The latter part of April I can probably be in Washington, not conveniently before.

Perhaps you can accomplish your purpose through the Wisconsin Senators, without going to Washington.

Kind regards to all. Very fraternally yrs S. B. Treat

Miss [illegible] Foster

Capt. H. H. [illegible]

Dear Bro.

In my letter of the [illegible] the delay in "my orders" that [illegible] nature; & [illegible] for "put in any reasons", [illegible] is a singular statement for the [illegible] to make. [illegible] me to inform me what had occasioned the telegram; [illegible] I know nothing of the plan (from head quarters) [illegible] two papers sent [illegible] but with no intimation [illegible] to show reasons against a decision [illegible] I am expecting to see [illegible] letters [illegible] decided [illegible] contemplated to [illegible] would [illegible] of this extraordinary proceeding

Miss. House Boston
Feb 11. 1864

Rev L. H. Wheeler
Odanah: — Dear Bro.

In my letter of the 10th Feb. I did not refer to that part of the letter of Mr Dole, in which he speaks of "the delay" or "in order that you might put in any reasons", & this is a singular statement for the Ind. Com'r to make. When Mr Usher telegraphed to me, Feb 17 1863, I wrote to Mr Dole, asking him to inform me what had occasioned the telegram. No answer came. We knew nothing of the plan (from head quarters) till Mr Gordon wrote Aug 30: then the two papers sent herewith (Usher's & Dole's letters) were sent; but with no intimation to us to show reasons against a decision already made & communicated to Mr Webb. We supposed that the case was decided, & concluded to wait, & see what would come of this extraordinary proceeding.

Miss. House, Boston,
Feb. 1st, 1864

When Mr Gordon wrote to Mr. Usher
Jan. 10, I was absent; when I
returned I was very busy, & so
continued for many weeks.

If I could have known, Feb. 1, [illegible] '63 [illegible], was taking place at
Washington, I would have gone there
though at the greatest inconvenience.

But I knew nothing of Mr Nesbit's plans
& had no knowledge of Mr [illegible].
[illegible]
sacrifice immediate & good ar=
rangements, in the midst of so much
uncertainty.

Very truly yours
S. B. Treat

[illegible] ever, to dwell upon [illegible] endeavors. There is a question as to our title, on the ground that we were not in actual possess-ion" when the Act of Aug. 14, 1848, was passed. I wrote to Hon. J. P. Usher, Sec. of the Interior, May 1st 1863, urging the sufficiency of our title to those parts, Lapwai being one. I claimed (1) that an "actual [illegible] occupancy" which was possessed in

Miss. House, Boston,
Feb. 1[illegible] 1864

W. H. Wallace Esq.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Through the kindness of Dr. Sunderland, I rec^d yours to him, of Feb. 10, yesterday. I am surprised to hear, that our land at Lapwai has any such value, as you mention. No one has given us an estimate which begins to approach $100.000. Mr Spalding has offered a right to buy our interest; & I have written to him that we are ready to sell, but have mentioned no price. I requested him to ascertain the opinion of Mr Eells, at Waiilat=pu, [illegible]; it is not time, how=ever, to hear upon high or promise success to our endeavors.

There is a question as to our title, on the ground that we were ~~[illegible]~~ "not in actual possession" when the Act of Aug. 14, 1848, was passed. I wrote to Hon. Mr Usher, Sec. of the Interior, May 9, 1863, urging the sufficiency of our title to three stations, Lapwai being one. I claimed (1) that we "held all the occupancy" which was possible in in of the circumstances of the Missionaries holding were obliged to [illegible] [illegible] then being: that "they [illegible] not in actual the possession" of s^d land, on the 14th of Augt 1848" because the ~~p~~ authority of the U. S. Gov^t – for the time being had been successfully resisted & defied by the savages". Had the (a point of ~~we~~ moment in the controversy) of the existing state, who really the one could claim under the terms of our letter is invalid. I stated also that, as at the [illegible], the question would be virtually settled by the recovering of the Methodists of the Dalles property.

In case it should be urged that we had forfeited our rights by subsequent non occupancy, I answered (1) that the statute had imposed no such condition, but that the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]; (2) that we did not resume possession, because of the failure of the U. S. Gov^t to bring the Indians to a condition which might promise success to our endeavors.

My letter was sent to the Com^r of the Land Office, who replied to the [illegible], June 24, that ~~our~~ cases had not been reported by the Surveyor General, so there could be no judgment on the merits; but that it appeared from my letter that we were "not in actual possession", so our claim stood upon the same ground as that of the Methodists for the Dalles property, which had been rejected by the Com— & was before the Sec. of the Interior on appeal.

Mr Usher, enclosing the Com's reply, said that as soon as a decision should be made in the Dalles case, he would forward a copy thereof. I have heard nothing more on the subject. This is the history of the question so far as I understand it.

Will you have the goodness to give me any information which you may have, bearing upon our rights at Lapwai? What makes the property so valuable? What course would you recommend us to take?

Very respectfully
yours
S. B. Treat
Sec. of the A. B. C. F. M.

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Miss. House Boston
Feb. 18. 1864

Rev. Dr. Sunderland D.D.
Washington D.C.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 15th I received with Mr Walton's letter addressed to you, the second letter with my reply, which you are at liberty to read, if you wish. Will you have the goodness to forward it to the proper direction? Say if in accordance with your views.

I should esteem it a favor if you would give me information as to who Mr Walton is. I know nothing of him except what appears from his letter. Is he a thoroughly reliable man in all respects? Should we ask him to act for us in any contingency, could we expect to be honestly & efficiently served? If so, it is well. I doubt very much.

I am sorry to trouble you with this affair; but as you have taken so much interest in the case, I presume upon your generous indulgence.

Very respectfully & fraternally

Kind regards to all yours.

Very fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 26. 1864

Rev S. R. Riggs,
St. Anthony.

Dear Bro.

Yours of the 13th I have rec'd. Last Tuesday the Comee authorized you to draw on Mr Gordon for the cost of your new 24 pp. book, beyond what the Dakotas pay, in accordance with your request.

I should like to know a little more exactly who remain in Minnesota (i.e. who of the Dakotas) where they are, where is Fort Abercrombie?

I hear nothing of late from the Missouri River. I doubt very much whether I shall be able to get farther than Davenport this season. We have considerable work in prospect, in order that our finances may stand well Sept 1. '64

Kind regards to Mrs R.

Very fraternally yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 26. 1864

Rev. Geo. Whipple
Sec. Am. Miss. Ass.

Dear Sir.

Miss Marcia Colton, formerly of our Choctaw mission, informs me that she has thought of applying to your Association for employment among the freedmen of the South. I have entire confidence in her piety; & I have a very high idea of her efficiency. She has a large amount of good sense; & she is not afraid to do anything that needs to be done, provided only that it falls into the sphere of a woman. She was very useful among the Choctaws; & I should expect her to be so among the negroes. She always had a feeling of sympathy & just consideration for the race.

Very sincerely yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. Home Boston
Feb. 26. 1864

Miss M. Collar
Brooklyn

Dear Miss C.

Yours of the 23d I was glad to see. I had not heard of Mrs Wright's death. She must have felt, in her last days, that her attachment to slavery was becoming a very uncertain affection. It always seemed to me a sad pity that a woman of so strong a mind should have fallen into such a delusion. But I trust that she sees all things clearly now.

I send forthwith a note for Mr. Whipple, what you can ask, if you wish.

Very respectfully
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

March 9, 1864

Rev L. H. Wheeler

Ojibwas. — Dear Elder Brother

Business called me to Washington last week; & I had a conference with Mr Dole & Mr Thompson (Superintendent of N.W. Indians) in regard to the boarding school at Odanah. I told them that we could not carry it forward at our sole expense; they expressed a strong desire that it might not be suspended. I finally told them that if Govt would pay $75 a year for 12 pupils, we would go on for the present. They said they were in favor of such an arrangement; & Mr Webb would be in Washington in two or three days, & they would confer with him, in the hope that he would come into the plan. I write now to say that you had better not make any further plans for visiting Washington, till you hear from me.

Kind regards to all. Very truly yours S B Treat [illegible] 29. 1864.

Rev. Thos. S. Williamson M.D.

Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Bro.

Your letter of Feb. 19. I have duly rec^d. I was at Washington last week for two days, & intended to see Senator Harlan in regard to your mission; but I had not time even to look in upon Congress. I was wholly occupied with business in the Departments.

In regard to the plans of Gov^t I endeavored to learn what I could. The Indian Department does not contemplate any removal of the Dakotas on the Missouri. Of plans touching the prisoners at Davenport, I could learn nothing.

The current against the Indians you will find very strong, I doubt not; still you may accomplish something. If you can get the ear of the President, you will do well to seize the opportunity; though I am not sure as to how much your would effect. He is just & honest: but there would be so many counter statements from gullible men & others, that he might not see clearly what to do. Poor man! I pity him. I wonder that he is willing to be President a second time.

I am expecting to go to Cincinnati next week; after that I shall go to Chicago; then come home via Cincinnati & Philadelphia. I may attend the Sabbath [illegible] convention at the [illegible] at Walnut Hills [illegible] Chicago I shall stay with Mr. Wm. [illegible] Esq. [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] would gain importance, I thought that much could be effected by it. But I suppose that we must have a conference next summer, & other matters will be ripe for consideration. [illegible] is any expectation that the Dakotas [illegible] very problematical at present. From your letter I infer that many will take themselves away, for all [illegible]

Very [illegible]

S. B. Treat

In regard to a conference next summer, I fear that I shall not be able to

Miss. House Boston
March 10 1864

Mr. H. S. Cunningham
Fort Thompson D. T.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of Feb. 16 I have read with interest; it happened to reach the Miss. House while I was in Washington. There I saw Mr Thompson, Superintendent, &c. who gave me a good deal of information in regard to the location of the Dakotas on the Missouri. He showed me maps & drawings; so that I obtained, for the first time, definite ideas on this subject.

He gave me a better account of the soil than I had recd before; perhaps it was too favorable. I think that neither he nor Mr. Dole has any expectation that the Dakotas will be taken elsewhere at present. From your letter I infer that many will take themselves away, in all probability.

In regard to a conference next summer, I fear that I shall not be able to not Fort Thompson. We shall probably have a hard summer's work & in raising money for our operations. Gold is so high, that we are obliged to give large prices for the bills of exchange which we send to our missionaries in heathen lands. If our finances are much disturbed, a strong effort will be necessary to close the year without a serious debt.

I may be able to go to Davenport; but a visit to your habitation would require a good deal of time. I hope you & your associates will keep me well informed as to all matters transpiring in your region. The future of the Dakotas appears to me somewhat uncertain; & we need all the light which we can obtain.

Kindest regards to Mrs. R. & your associates.

Very fraternally yrs,

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
March 10 1864

Hon John P. Usher
Secy of the Interior

Sir.

When I had the honor to address~~ed~~ you by letter (May 22, 1863) in respect to certain lands which we claim by reason of our former occupancy of them as missionary stations I was not acquainted with the usual method of procedure in such cases. I beg leave, therefore, to withdraw that communication, in order that the matter may come before the Surveyor General in the ordinary way. The Assistant Secretary of the Interior informed me last Friday that I was at liberty to take this course, if I pleased.

As an additional reason, ~~further~~ I will say that, from ~~recent~~ information which has recently come to me, I am satisfied that our claim is not fully stated in the letter of our Tells which I embodied in mine of the aforesaid date. We desire, therefore, to make a stronger presentation of the facts, before a decision shall be made.

Very respectfully your
obedient servant

S. B. Treat
Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

Thanks [illegible] [illegible] R [illegible]
Very fraternally ys S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

April 14. 1864

Rev. S. R. Riggs

St. Anthony

Dear Bro.

I go west tomorrow; but do not expect to see any of your missionaries. I am rather expecting to be in the west again, early in June; & then it will be convenient for me to confer with the Dakota mission at Davenport. I cannot mention the precise day at present.

I write thus early that you may have the proposed meeting in mind, when making plans for the summer.

I have been in Washington within a few days; but learned nothing very important in the future of the Dakotas. The Indian department has no expectation of changing the location of the Dakotas at Fort Thompson, that I could ascertain. In regard to the prisoners at Davenport, I found no valuable information.

Kindest regards to Mrs R. & family

Very fraternally yrs. S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston

March 14, 1864

Rev. H. D. Cunningham

Fort Thompson D. T.

Dear Bro.

Since my letter of the 10th the "programme" was "thought" upon the mission meeting, to which I referred; & other plans are beginning to take shape. It is thought probable that I shall meet the brethren in Iowa early in June; & I presume that I shall be ready to meet the mission at Davenport at that time. The precise day I cannot now mention.

[illegible] will attend from your station? And J. P. Williamson should come by all means. Can he represent the station properly?

Kind regards to Mrs. C. & your associates.

Very truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
March 14. 1864

Rev T. S. Williamson M.D.
Davenport, Iowa

Dear Bro:

Since my letter of the 9th I have thought more of the "conference" which I referred to. I have [illegible] a letter which seems to indicate what I [illegible] with Dalrymple in other ways. It now seems probable that I shall try to attend the Iowa Conf. Assn. at Grinnell, June 1st, as also some other meetings at the West about the same time. In that event, it would be most convenient for me to confer with the mission early in the day I cannot now mention. I write this early, that you may be able to shape your plans accordingly.

Very fraternally
Yrs
S. B. Treat

Missionary House, Boston,
March 17, 1864.

Rev. C. C. Torrey
Westford, Vt.

Dear Sir, Yours of 12th comes in Mr. Treat's absence as he has gone west for a few weeks. A portion of the slip you sent has been rec'd from Mr Staples before, & will appear in the April Herald. On Mr. T's return your note will be placed in his hands.

Very respectfully
Yours &c
C. N. Chapin

Miss. House Boston
April 16. 1864.

Rev. S. R. Riggs
St Anthony Minn.

Dear Bro.

Your favor of March 7 arrived while I was away. On my return I wrote to Mr Washburne Mem. of Congress from [illegible] Chairman, in regard to the claim of the Am. Board on the upper [illegible] the Com. on [illegible] which I send [illegible]. He says that our claim is $6677.72, of which $6000 were allowed; that this was in the bill; if the bill passes, we shall get our money. He adds: "I presume it will pass; but it is impossible to tell, till the matter is before the house". He (Mr W.) is ready to do any thing which he can.

I have written to Dr. W. that I will meet your mission at Davenport, immediately after the 1st Sab. in June. I suppose I could go to St Paul or St Anthony; but my time will be very precious next summer. We are in great danger of a heavy debt; & I have much hard work to do.

Kind regards to Mrs R. & all. Yrs fraternally S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

April 16. 1864

Rev. S. R. Riggs.

St Anthony Min.

Dear Bro.

Your favor of March 9 arrived while I was at the West. On my return, I wrote to Mr Washburne, Mem. of Congress from this State, a Chairman, in regard to the claim; & this A.M. I have recd his reply with a copy of the Report of the Comee on Indian Affairs; which I send herewith. He says that our claim was $6697.72, of which $6000 were allowed; that this sum is included in the bill; if the bill passes, we shall receive the amt. He adds: "I presume it will pass; but it is impossible to tell, till the matter is before the House". He (Mr W.) is ready to do any thing which he can.

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Kind regards to Mrs R. & all. Yrs fraternally S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

April 16. 1869

Rev. Thos. S. Williamson M.D.
Davenport.

Dear Bro.

I wrote to you from Chicago proposing to visit you & the meeting at Davenport immediately after the 1st Sab. of June. I have just written to Mr. Riggs to the same effect, adding that I could, perhaps, go to St Paul or [illegible] elsewhere, though my time is to be very precious next summer, because of our financial prospect.

It occurs to me that I might meet you at Davenport the week before the 1st Sab. in June, not after. I have never attended of the State Associations of the west; & I ought to endeavor to attend those of Michigan, May 19; Illinois at Quincy, May 25; Iowa at Grinnell, June 1. I might leave Quincy, on Sunday, May 30, & go direct to Davenport, & have the meeting then, if I can be informed in season. A letter to me at New York care of A. Merwin Bible House, by May 18, would be in season, I have no doubt.

I shall be glad to hear the result of your visit at Washington, when you have leisure to report, as I infer from yours of March 25 that you may have already returned to Davenport.

Our finances are beginning to occasion a good deal of solicitude. The rate of exchange is very high, & is likely to continue so. On the other hand, the receipts do not advance correspondingly.

Very fraternally

yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston,
April 19, 1864

Rev. N. H. Pierce,
Allegheny Res.

Dear Brother

Your letter of April 5, I rec^d four days ago. This p.m. I have read it to the Com^ee. We conclude to accept your second proposition, so that you may take the house at the upper station, & expend the $500 (with well) on the house which you now occupy, keeping it in repair to Jan. 1. 1868. When the improvements are made, we will give you a deed of the place at the upper station.

The Com^ee have made the appropriations for your station as follows:—

Salary	$500
Hired help	100
Education of children	100
D. Webster Pierce 10 months	166.66
Jul. Pierce	150.

We propose to allow Jul. Pierce at the rate of $200 per year to July 1. after that at the rate of $100 per month until 1865. Beyond that date we can promise nothing. Our present financial prospects are not good. We may have a heavy deficit at the end of the year (i.e. Sept 1. 1864). Beyond the future no man can predict. Our brother, Prof. Pumpelly [illegible] you understand this early the uncertainties of our future condition, so that he may not be disappointed by [illegible] to do.

Kindest regards to all of us, with your associates. Yours [illegible]

Very affectionately

S. B. Treat

you have not heard from me earlier [illegible] the treasury. [illegible] trying; & I [illegible] that the Lord has [illegible] you [illegible] the friendship [illegible] that the [illegible] hope & promises [illegible] you nothing, increase in [illegible] time.

I have heard nothing from Washington, in regard to my boarding schools. It is possible that Mr Dole may propose something to you; of this I am not confident, however. If he does not offer to pay $900 toward the support of the school, it must be closed. Our finances are passing into a condition that occasions a good deal

Mission House, Boston,
April 19, 1864

Rev L. H. Wheeler
Oorfa

Dear Brother,

Since my last to you March 9. I have rec'd yours of February, March 4 & March 24. I have [illegible] at the [illegible]; this is the reason why you have not heard from me earlier. Yours of the 22 Feb I read with great interest. Your experiences were solemn & very trying; & I am very thankful that the Lord has delivered you from all the perils & hardships of the journey. I hope to hear soon that the day of hope & promise which dawns upon your working, increase in intensity from time to time.

I have heard nothing from Washington, in regard to the boarding school. It is possible that Mr Webb may propose something to you; of this I am not confident, however. If he does not offer to pay $90 toward the support of the school, it must be closed. Our finances are passing into a condition that occasions a good deal of anxiety. Dr Anderson is writing to the missions to practice the most rigid economy, & we may be obliged to go still further than this. In these circumstances, with the greenback dollar worth for purposes of remittance less than 60 cents, & without any advance in our receipts to meet the deficiency, we cannot take the whole cost of the school.

Upon the supposition that the $900 are paid by the Govt the Comee sanction your estimates, with the understanding that you make the drafts upon the treasury, in all respects, as light as possible. They are quite urgent upon this point. As sound business men, they wish to bring down all expenses as much as possible, & so prepare for the storm which seems to be coming.

I go to New York this p.m. & so must be brief. Kindest regards to all

W. [illegible] of your Society

Orphan Asylum. Truly & fraternally

take for salary as superintendent, & matron

W S

&c. to be paid for out of the balance?

In case [illegible] S. B. Treat we shall

be obliged to economize, as far as possible

& get all the help we can. I trust that

Miss. Home Boston

April 19. 1864

Rev. Asher Wright

Seneca Mission.

Dear Brother,

I have been expecting to hear from you, for a long time, (1) in respect to the progress of our work on the Reservation, - (2) in respect to the estimates for your station. Under the absence of the latter, the Comee have decided in the case. They allow as

For salary	$400
Hired help	100
Repairs	25
Native help	25
Medicine	25 $575

We propose to draw $400 a year from the civilization fund, on account of the Orphan Asylum, a part of which you can take for salary as superintendent, (matron &c. to be paid for out of the balance.)

In our financial exigency, we shall be obliged to economize, as far as possible & get all the help we can. I trust that

Bro. Curtis & yourself will induce the people to do all they can to relieve us. It is a good time to make the appeal. The Board has spent much money for their good; in the day of our distress, we ask them to remember us. Will they not do it? The parents provide for the children at first; afterwards the children help the parents.

I go to [illegible] this P.M. Hence I can say but little. I likewise expect that I have a hard time in coming months. Eggs are enormously high! The future no one can foresee.

Kindest regards to all. [illegible] with you.

Very fraternally, yrs

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At the present time, Mission House Boston
ill the encouragement April 19. 1864
Rev. A. F. Curtis into financial clouds.
of un Seneca Mission no one can tell how
we shall emerge, or when Brother price of
gold affects us deeply; in fact, instalments of
dollars Dec. 23-31. & April 4. duly recd. To the
ill first did not apply. as to one, duly affect-
ing to him from the Brightwater time now. I
have had no communication from him; the
Board must make the appropriations without
estimates among the Senecas. It
would I am glad to hear that you have done so much
to accompany us in your labors. May the God
practically missions beyond the blessing, beyond your
most sanguine expectations! I have always taken
a great deal of interest in the work on the
Cattaraugus Reservation; I have longed to
Trusting see a church built up there. To
Moreover me it has always seemed that the cause of
Christ would be greatly promoted by such a
result. This would be a notable example of, "See what
missions can accomplish", & of "See what the red
man can become by the grace of God."

At the present time, especially, we need all the encouragement & support that we can obtain. We are passing into financial clouds of unusual density; & no one can tell how we shall emerge, or when. The high price of gold affects us deeply; in fact, our greenback dollars are really worth less than 60 cents for all purposes of remittance; & no one, moreover, can say that we have touched bottom even now.

In these circumstances, it would give us great pleasure to hear that a mighty work of grace was in progress among the Senecas. It would cheer our friends & make them more willing to part with their carnal things; it would show, practically, that we have the blessing of God, & so should win the favor of men. Kind regards to Mrs C.

Very fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

Tuesday. P.M. The Com^{ee} have passed upon your allowance. You can draw for

Salary	$500
Interpreter — nat. helper	100
Education of son	50
	$650

Miss. House, Boston,
April 26. 1864.

Rev C. Eells.—
Walla Walla W. T.

Dear Bro

Your letter of Feb. 1 came to the Miss. House March 21. while I was at the West. To day I have recd yours of March 7.

Early in March, I visited Washington, partly on account of the Lapwai claim, while there I made inquiries in regard to yours also. I ascertained the following facts. (1) That the regular mode of proceeding, in such cases, is to prove the claim on the ground; (2) that in case the argument in my letter should be sound, based on the statements contained in your letter, the matter would still be referred back to the Land Office in W. T. (3) that there was a strong probability of an adverse decision, judging from a conversation which I had with the Land Comr & the Asst Sec of the Interior; (4) that it was best to withdraw the case from the Land Office at Washington, & let it be prosecuted in due

Jones & W. T. Accordingly, [illegible] to Boston. [illegible] the Department of the Interior, [illegible] with [illegible] a good [illegible], on the [illegible] 15th [illegible]. [illegible] Ass't [illegible] action completed [illegible] [illegible] Dr. [illegible] I would [illegible] that [illegible]. But [illegible]

[illegible] Washington, [illegible]

[illegible] attended [illegible]

I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the U. S. [illegible]

[illegible] allowed [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] them, I am not disposed to differ [illegible] you now. Mr Spalding has written to me, proposing [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

says that the Methodists have no case, but we have a good case, & he gives his reasons. He mentioned the construction of the Donation Law to which you refer. On my way home, I saw Dr. Durbin; he is very confident of the justice of his case, & thinks he shall succeed. But he will be obliged to use special influences, I suspect; perhaps he will use them. If he gains his case, ours would seem to be clear.

I confess that I did not like the conversation of the Land Com'r & Ass't Sec. of the Interior. I mentioned the construction of the Donation Law, above referred to; also the peculiar language of the Washington Organic Law, which seems to have been made to cover our cases, (do not overlook this point;) but I could make no impression on them. They acted as if they were placed in office to act simply as watch-dogs. Hence it seemed best to approach another tribunal — this. I trust you will do.

Mr Spalding has written to me, proposing to buy the Lapwai claim, (if you are not willing to carry on a boarding school there,) & he says [illegible] is worth [illegible] than ours. He [illegible] that we should be willing to sell; but he should want your opinion as to the price. Since writing to him, a Mr Walker has written to me that the claim is very valuable; & Col. Forman gives the same opinion. I have a poor opinion of the former, & an indefinite opinion of the latter. Still I am not sure that we have estimated the land at its full value. Will you have the goodness to give me your judgment in this matter? What is the claim worth? Is it best to sell it to Mr Spalding? How had we better proceed to make good our title? Shall we request Mr Spalding to do it for us? Had we better employ a lawyer? How shall we deal with the U.S. Govt. encroachment? Relinquish the use of what they occupy, while they shall need it? Or claim damages, which might be estimated low? What sort of a man is Col. Forman? I talked with him about acting for us in the matter of these claims. I asked him what it would cost, & he replied "Trust me!" Subsequently I spoke to him & asked him to give me his opinions in writing, that I might lay them before the Com^e. He said he would, but did not. He finally promised to send a letter to me, but it has not come. Possibly he & Senator Nesmith may have some plan of their own; so he fails to write. They had [illegible]

Miss. House Boston

May 3. 1864.

Rev T. S. Williamson

Davenport — Dear Bro.

I have rec^d your letters of April 18 & 30. I rejoice to hear of the success of your efforts in behalf of the prisoners. Those who are first let out, I trust will so demean themselves as to make it easy for others to follow them.

You will have found a letter from me in regard to the meeting to be held with the mission. I have also written to Mr. Riggs. If I am to meet you before the last Sab. of May (29th) I should know it in season. A letter to the care of Rev Dr. Kitchell of Detroit will meet me May 21. I expect to be at Cincinnati (Rev H. M. Storrs') on May 17.

In regard to visiting Dr Anthony, I have nothing new to say. It is possible, perhaps, but very difficult.

Very fraternally yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
June 20. 1864

Rev. J. P. Williamson
Fort Thompson

Dear Bro.

The results of our conference at Davenport I brought before the Prud. Com. this p.m. They assented to the plans which we then discussed.

1. They approve of Mr Riggs giving his time to the preparation of needful books.

2. They allow $ [illegible] for [illegible], for [illegible] dwelling houses, & a hand [illegible] for the present.

3. They are willing to aid the [illegible] in securing better religious instruction [illegible] of them.

4. They are willing to allow (say) $25 a month for giving the gospel to the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] goes to the Missouri. They wish you to select the man, & superintend his labors, visiting him as often as may be [illegible] if he does not go. They think it best that Mr Cunningham should take charge of the new station. In great haste

I will write Mr. C. as soon as I can.

Very truly [illegible] S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,

Miss. House. Boston
June 20. 1864

Rev. S. R. Riggs
St. Anthony, Min.

Dear Bro.

I am too busy to say more than two words. The Com.ee approve of the plans which we discussed, viz (1) that you prepare suitable books for the prisoners: (2) that [illegible] Renville is to have $20 per month, at the present, in consideration of his past & coming labors: you to have the supervision of these labors: (3) that aid may be expected from the Com.ee in securing proper instruction for the scouts, to the extent of some $200, the matter to be in charge of the missionaries: (4) that a native helper be supported among the Yanktons at say $25 a month, or Cunningham — Brown then if Mr. Pond go to the war; if he does not, J. P. W. is to be charged with the care & supervision of the undertaking. Kind regards to all.

Very fraternally yrs

Jan 28. 1864

Rev. [illegible]

Dear Brother.

[illegible]

the case. We are hastening to have a jubilee in Oregon? Dr. D. says, "to begin anew". No doubt the remedy for him, I suspect.

Very truly yr. S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
June 28, 1864.

Rev C. Eells
Walla Walla.

Dear Brother.

I presume that you will like to be apprised of the history of the Dalles case. I write, therefore, to say that I am in the receipt of a letter from Dr Durbin, Sec. of the Methodist Miss. Soc. which says that the U. S. Att'y General has given an opinion to the effect that the case should be tried by a jury, inasmuch as the right of the claimant rests upon a question of fact, and not of law, viz. whether the mission was in possession Aug 14 '48 - so no Executive Department has jurisdiction of the case. "We are turned over to a jury in Oregon" Dr D. says, "to begin anew", a doubtful remedy for him, I suspect.

Very truly &c S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
June 29. 1864.

Mr. H. D. Cunningham
Fort Thompson.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 14th April, I rec^{d} May 4. I expected from its tenor to meet you at Davenport; & I felt very reluctant to consider some questions, affecting you & Mrs C., in your absence; but I did not see how to avoid it. I regard the future of the Dakotas at your place as very uncertain. It does not seem best, therefore, to attempt the opening of a boarding school, whatever may be expedient hereafter. What, then, is the best distribution to be made of our working force?

I understand that there is some encouragement to labor among the Dakotas at the Yankton Agency. Should not something be done in their behalf? At least should not the experiment be made? To Com^{tee} it seems a duty to see what the Lord would have us [illegible] in regard to these Indians; they have such confidence in Messrs [illegible] & that they ask you to remove [illegible], [illegible] native helper, & make the trial. (If [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible], you will be expected to remain where you [illegible]. [illegible] is a matter of the most [illegible]. We do not feel that you can [illegible] expend any considerable sum on building [illegible] [illegible] thought that they would [illegible] only. The additional expense will be the support of one helper only.

[illegible] seem to [illegible] of the missionary [illegible] & need not give any specific [illegible]. The aim of all missions is to [illegible]. The gospel is to be urged upon [illegible]; but education [illegible] as an important auxiliary. You [illegible] school, of course, & teach reading or [illegible] to be best. You will need to take the [illegible] the best man whom you can find to [illegible] at the [illegible] may bless you and [illegible]; I am very fraternally yours

in dear haste S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
June 29. 1864.

Miss. Abbie Spooner
Athol, Mass.

Dear Miss. S.

Yours of the 6th I found on my return from the West. The Appeals have been sent, I learn.

In regard to Odanah, I have no late news. The prospects of the mission have improved of late; but after the board-ing school had become fairly established, the U. S. Govt. annulled the contract; & the Comm. have decided that they cannot carry it forward at the sole expense of the Board. I told the Comm. that if the Govt. would pay for 12 scholars at $95 per year we would go forward; but I do not learn that the proposition is accepted.

I learn that there is a project for the removal of the Bad River Indians to Red Cliff; with how much prospect of success, I know not.

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Dear Sir

Our Indian missions are of constant perplexity, because of the adverse influences which are ever working against us. The policy of the Govt often changes; unprincipled agents are appointed; bad white men corrupt & destroy. I suppose that this branch of our labors will dwindle more & more, until we shall give it up altogether. The Senate, [illegible] imagine that nothing [illegible] for its support. If this is so, the report must stop, as our finances are becoming worse & worse. In fact we shall be obliged to reduce expenses wherever we can.

John has written to me that there is a plan for removing the Indians at Bad River to Red Cliff. But I can hardly think that such a scheme can succeed.

I hope you will write to me fully, & especially send me the materials for the Ann'l Report soon. ~~[illegible]~~ I am to be excessively busy, & I wish to be able to prepare my part of the Report whenever I have any time for it. Kind regards to Mrs W. [illegible]

In great haste Very fraternally &c S B Treat

S. B. Treat

Miss. Home Boston

June 29. 1864

Rev L. H. Wheeler
Ojibwas. — Dear Bro

I have been hoping for some time to hear from you. I am anxious to know how your work prospers, & especially what has been done in regard to the boarding school. I have heard nothing from any one; & hence infer that nothing is to be done by the Govt. for its support. If this is so, the school must stop, as our finances are becoming worse & worse. In fact, we shall be obliged to reduce expenses wherever we can.

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In great haste Very fraternally &c S B Treat

Miss. House, Boston
June 29. 1864

Rev. A. Wright
Senecas. — Dear Bro.

I have been expecting to hear from you for a long time, & there are some things which I wish to understand particularly. (1) How much will the Senecas do for Mr Curtis? Our case is becoming very critical. We shall want them ~~Senecas~~ to do as much as possible. (2) Had you any conference with Mr Mix, in regard to the Orphan School? Will the Govt do any thing for it? Will they allow us to draw $400 or $500 from the Civilization fund for it? (3) Can we reduce our expenses among the Senecas in any way? This is becoming a question important to our whole work. (4) What was the real difficulty between Mr [illegible] & the Indians? I profess I don't fully understand it?

I am anxious to receive your letter from Scotland, that I may copy & forward it; & I shall need the material for the Annual Report early, as I am to be excessively busy up to the Annual Meeting.

Kind regards to Mrs W. & all

Very fraternally
Yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss.y Rooms, Boston
June 30 1864

Mr. H. D. Cunningham
Dakotas.—

Dear Sir.

Your letter of June 11 has just come to the Miss. Rooms. The views which it sets forth, except in regard to the boarding school, are correct, I think; & I suppose the mission would accept them. Teaching English to day scholars, is always found a questionable matter. Teaching Dakota is a different thing entirely.

You will have learned that we propose to have new books prepared, to meet the need to which you refer. If you go to the Yankton Agency, I suppose that you will do what you can, with a native brother, in the way which you have indicated.

I will say nothing in respect to the boarding school now, because we cannot do any thing in this direction. Really what may be best hereafter, I do not know. Perhaps your plan may be feasible. But it seems

Miss. House Boston
July 5 – 1864

Rev. J. P. Williamson
Fort Thompson.

The letter which I sent two weeks ago, you will have rec^d three days since. I rec^d a letter from your father, on the importance of better accommodations; & Thos S.W. I have read it to the Prud. Com^ee. It stated the case more fully & strongly than you have done, & we all agree that something must be done.

The general policy of the Com^ee in regard to outlays for buildings, is unchanged: they Thos S.W. have affirmed this anew in another case. But the circumstances of yourself & Edw. Pond are so peculiar, that they propose to allow you to a moderate extent. This being all that they can do, as exchange to day cannot be bought for 260!! (We have a terrible job on our hands.)

The Com^ee never make a grant, (or pass a vote involving the expenditure of money) without a limit. What limit to prescribe in this case, they do not know. They rather urge you, therefore, to expend $500 to make yourselves comfortable; [illegible] Boston clearly insufficient, [illegible]. They will give [illegible]

I infer from your [illegible] letter, that you will not need a very large outlay there, [illegible] fact. [illegible] Cunningham [illegible]. I to the [illegible] building [illegible] a room, [illegible] comfortable [illegible] going to [illegible]

[illegible] to C. [illegible] to the [illegible] building up [illegible] buildings [illegible] needed, the [illegible] is [illegible] at once. [illegible] cannot [illegible] particularly [illegible] letters also to our [illegible]. Very truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
July 5. 1864

Rev. Thos. S. Williamson
St. Peter, Min. Dr. Dear Bro.

Yours of the 23d ult Rec'd 3 days ago. You state John's case more fully & strongly than he has ever done. If he had put the matter as distinctly as you have done, I should have felt differently. You give more urgent reasons than he did, & you speak of a cheaper arrangement than I then supposed would answer. (We talked about the buildings before any one thought of Mr Cunningham's going to the Yanktons.) The Com. on hearing your statement, authorized the expenditure of $500 to make John & Edwd Pond comfortable, supposing that this may be enough. If more is clearly needed, they will give more. We have not the least objection to their moving at once. Though exchange cannot be bought for 260 to day! Kind regards to Mrs W. & family. Very fraternally yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
July 23. 1864

Rev. A. B. Smith Miss. House Boston
Hanover N.H. July 6. 1864
Rev. S. R. Riggs. Dear Brother
St Anthony — Dear Bro. Yours of the 12th

came to hand just Dr. Williamson has sent the fuller statement, & stronger also, in regard to the buildings; ~~needed~~ at Fort Thompson indicating that the case may be met ~~[illegible]~~ without a larger outlay; when the Comm^ee has [illegible] corrected $500; now they will find it necessary. It was unitedly [illegible] we discussed the building question upon we considered the plan of you can make as Commissioners going to the Mankato. In case you so decide,

Exchange cannot be bought who today for $60. This is terrible. well I should [illegible] a letter. Last to mature [illegible]. The letter without the P. S. going to all the Doctors. Kind regards to Mrs. R. & [illegible]

P. S. The [illegible] & S. B. Treat correspondence with Mr. Hughes

S. B. Treat

I think the other boys will do better than Pearce

Miss'y House, Boston
July 23. 1864

John W. Sawyer Esq.
Edenburgh –

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 12th came to hand just as I was departing for New York, so that I could not convene the Boston Com. Yesterday we had a meeting; & your acc. is approved. Herewith I send p. 92, to cover the balance refunded to you.

I suppose that we can get from the Scotch Soc. money enough to support the two other Senecas, (i.e. three in all.) The exchange being so high, they cont. what they would pay, on would not seem large. If, therefore, you can make suitable provision for them, you may venture to take them. In case you so decide, address Rev. A. Wright, Versailles, N.Y. who is the man to consult, as also to aid in all matters pertaining to the Senecas.

Very respectfully
& fraternally
SBT

P.S. I hope you will open a correspondence with Mr. Wright. S. B. Treat

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Miss'y House, Boston
July 23. 1864

Rev. A. D. Smith D.D.
Hanover N.H.

Dear Brother

will remain at no distant day. Perhaps they are persons of more promise than Pierce.

I think the other boys will do better than Pierce addressed to him, which advice have profited have done.

Mr. Wright remains at his post, feeble

Miss. House Boston
July 23. 1864

John W. Tawse Esq.
Edinburgh—

Dear Sir.

Your "Board of Correspondents at Boston" held its meeting yesterday. The delay was occasioned (1) by a change in the Presidency of Dartmouth College, Rev. A.D. Smith. D.D. having taken the place of Dr. Lord, who has resigned it (2) by my necessary absence at the West, on official business.

I send herewith an extract from Dr. Smith's letter, in reference to the beneficiaries of your Society. I hope that the two Senecas who were at Hanover for a time, will return at no distant day. Perhaps they are persons of more promise than Pierce.

I have drawn upon your Treasurer for £40. I will thank you to send him the note addressed to him, which advises him of what I have done.

Mr. Wright remains at his post, feeble

in body, but admirable in spirit, & exceedingly useful in his weakness. I hardly know what the Senecas would do without him, as he is a spiritual guide not only, but their medical adviser, counsellor, friend, &c. He is invaluable to them; & yet his estimate of himself & his labors is very humble. His wife is also eminently serviceable to the Indians, as she speaks their difficult language, & does much for them. I hope to transmit a report of his labors soon.

I remain, Dear Sir,

Very respectfully yrs

S. B. Treat

Sec. of the Boston Correspondents

P. S. I should have mentioned that at our meeting yesterday, it was voted to nominate to your Society James M. Gordon Esq. as a Correspondent in place of Dan'l Safford deceased. When action is taken as to his approval, will you have the goodness to inform me of it?

No change has occurred among the Correspondents within the past year.

Miss. House Boston
July 23. 1864

John Elder Esq
Edinburgh.—

Dear Sir.

The "Board of Correspondents" met yesterday & authorized me to draw for the moneys expended on the beneficiaries at Hanover. I have accordingly drawn on you for £40. at sight; the bill will go forward, one week after this.

I am, Dear Sir
Very respectfully
Yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug 5 1864

Rev. C. Eells
Walla Walla. Dear Bro.

Since my letter of June 28. I have rec^{d} a copy of the letter of the Att. Genl to Mr Usher, in respect to the Dalles case. As it throws a pretty strong light upon your claim, I send herewith a copy to you.

Very fraternally
yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept. 12. 1864

Rev. L. H. Wheeler
Ojibwas.

Dear Brother.

Though I am very busy with my preparation for the Ann. Meeting, I must take time to acknowledge your letters of June 14. July 14. Aug. 18. & the mission report.

I am glad that Agt. Webb agrees to pay the $1200 for the school; but I must still regard the annulling of the contract as a most indefensible step. The time will come, I doubt not, when we shall dissolve all connection with the Indian Department; & whenever the interests of the Ojibwas shall permit this consummation, we shall be more than ready.

I trust that you will keep down your expenses as much as possible. The whole amt. allowed by the Comee we did not suppose that you would need. We took a certain sum, because we could know just what would be necessary, hoping that the products of the farm would reduce it very materially.

We close our financial year very well; but we have a terrible job before us. How we are to go through the coming year, no [illegible] can say. This will be the great topic at [illegible].

I am glad that your quarterly report is more favorable than the last. I trust that the "little reviving" which you have had, will prove to be a permanent blessing. We long to hear of greater things than these. The spiritual results which have been secured among the Ojibwas, after all the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] have been [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Lord grant that the long waiting of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] may [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]; hasten the work, that [illegible] [illegible] may see his salvation! [illegible] kindest regards to Mrs. [illegible] [illegible] all associated with you.

Very fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept 12 1864

Rev S. R. Riggs
St Anthony.

Dear Bro.

Yours of July 8 came duly to hand, giving me the information which I needed in regard to the Scouts; & I thank you for it.

We are now preparing for the annual meeting. Our financial year has closed better than we expected. We are completely out of debt, for which we feel, I hope & believe, profoundly grateful. It is a great deliverance.

To our public vision the coming year promises to try us severely. Gold is falling a little; but where it is to be hereafter, no man knoweth. Some *wise* men say it will go up to 300; but the wisdom of the wise is not a sure thing in these days. Our financial policy will be a chief topic at Worcester; & the interest of the annual meeting will turn in great measure on this. Kindest regards to Mrs R. & your children. Very fraternally yo S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms, Boston,
Sept. 12. 1864.

Rev. J. P. Williamson
Fort Thompson.

Dear Brother

Your letter of July 14, with the station report of July 15, is duly rec'd. I thank you for these. I have now completed my report on the Dakota mission. "The future" of our plans, or in their behalf, I am obliged to leave in uncertainty. If we are asked for a policy, we have none; but we presume the Lord has one which he will disclose in his own good time.

Our financial year has closed better than I expected. We still have no debt, but a small credit balance. This appears to us a very great deliverance. The coming year is to try us severely; & how we are to go through it we know not. But the Lord has never forsaken us, & he will not. Very fraternally,
S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms, Boston
Sept. 12 1864

Mr. E. R. Pond,
Fort Thompson.

Dear Sir!

Your two letters of June 25 & July 19, I have rec'd. I presume that you have returned from Bloomington to Fort Thompson before this time. If Miss Hopkins is with you as Mrs Pond, allow me to congratulate you both on being permitted to enter upon married life. I trust that you have the divine sanction & favor; if so, you may confidently expect a blessing. The Lord be with you & keep you evermore!

I am anxious to hear what arrangements you have made for your missionary force at Fort Thompson, whether Mr Cunningham goes to the Yanktons, or not, & whether Dr. Williamson accompanied you to Fort Thompson. I have had no letter from him of a very recent date. Kind regards to all.

Very truly yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept. 15 1864

Rev. A. Wright.
Senecas. —

Dear Brother.

I have rec'd your letters of May 4. July 2. 4 & 5. & Aug. 3. since mine of April 19. & the last four since mine of June 29. I thank you for the information which you have given me. In writing the Ann'l Report on your mission, I found, however, that I needed your customary review or resumé. I have done as well as I could with my materials.

I have had a very busy time of late, & have a good prospect for an abundance of work the coming year. We have escaped embarrassment wonderfully thus far, & we will hope for the same deliverance hereafter. But how we are to get through the war, I do not know. I trust that your mission will relieve us as much as it can.

I am glad to learn that you are better, & have a fair prospect as to health. so far the most work, though you ease off in part. Kind regards to all. Very truly yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept 15 1864

Rev. N. H. Pierce
Steamburg P.O. N.Y.

Dear Bro.

Your letter of Aug. 5, furnishing materials for our Ann. Report, I duly rec'd. I have just completed that part of the Report, which relates to your mission. I had hoped to be able to give our friends a more cheering view of our work among the Senecas; perhaps, however, we should be thankful that it is no worse.

We close our financial year without debt. This is better than we feared. We look forward with much anxiety to the coming year. Unless gold shall fall very much, we shall have a hard time; & the Cttee are disposed to hold us to the most rigid economy. We trust that your mission will aid us in this regard as much as shall be practicable. Kind regards to Mrs. Pierce.

Very fraternally
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept. 15 – 1864

Rev O. F. Curtis
Senecas —

Dear Bro.

Your last quarterly report, I rec^d July 13; but I have been too busy to acknowledge its coming. The last summer has been one of unprecedented solicitude in the matter of finances. When your letter came, we needed $165.000; & where we should find it, no man could divine. But the *Lord* has wrought for us; & to him be all the praise! Since that time, we have rec^d $180.000, for the proper closing up of our financial year, *more* than we asked. But the year to come! This occasions great anxiety. The cost of exchange is dreadful; & we have no way of avoiding the sacrifice. And yet the Lord has done so much for us, that we cannot believe that he will forsake us now. Deliverance must come in some way. Kind regards to all. Very truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
[illegible] 1869.

Rev. S. R. Riggs,
Dear [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] you [illegible] that [illegible] If you must [illegible] proceed with the [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] so to do. But please to let me know what you expect it to cost, when you know yourself.

And if there [illegible] please to inform me of its probable cost. [illegible]

Very truly yours,

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept. 30 1864

Rev G. H. Pond
Oak Grove Minn.

Dear Bro.

I have just rec'd a letter from Dr. Williamson (at Fort Thompson) in which he says that your son has expended $175 of his money, which properly belongs to us as pay, & that you have paid a large sum as commutation money for him. He suggests, therefore, that we refund the $175, that he may reimburse you.

Miss. House Boston
Sept. 30. 1864

Rev. T. S. Williamson
St. Peter, Minn.

Dear Brother

For your letter of the 9th I feel very much obliged to you. It gives me a clearer idea of the prospect at Fort Thompson than I had before rec^d. I have no intimation of any change in the plans of gov.—except what you state.

I am sorry that I could not have had your letter before the An^l Report was written, copied, & approved by the Com^ee. But I will publish a part of it in notes, when that time shall have come.

As the Com^ee had a meeting yesterday, I read your suggestion in regard to the $175 of E. R. Pond. They voted the sum at once; & I have sent the money to Rev. G. H. Pond, (besides informing E. R. Pond.) We are all in "a great hurry" because of the An^l Meeting. Kind regards to Mrs. W. & all

Very fraternally yours, S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 29. 1864

Rev S. R. Riggs
New York.

Dear Bro.

In reply to yours of the 22d I am happy to say that the Comee have allowed $260 for the Dakota Primer. You can proceed, therefore, to the printing of it at once.

When I ascertain the balance due for "Precept upon Precept", I will see that it is adjusted. I asked Mr. Hill the other day, what it was: he did not know.

I will write to Dr. Holdich in regard to your expenses. I wish first, however, to receive instructions from the Comee to this effect, in order that the application may have more weight.

I shall hope to see you in New York at some time before your return, where I cannot say.

Very fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Nov. 12 1864

Rev. W. Willey
Fort Gibson, C.N. Dear Bro.

Your letter to Dr Anderson of Aug. 18 came to the Miss. House while we were very busy preparing for the Ann. Meeting. He requested me to reply; but I have much to do, as you may well suppose, in looking after our finances in these troublous times. With gold at 250 or 240 (& most of our expenditures to be made in gold,) it is difficult to see how we can keep the machinery in motion.

I have sympathized deeply with you in your heavy trials; & I suppose that the end is not yet. As long as Genl. Price can invade Missouri, as he has just done, the Cherokees must remain unsettled. It is pretty clear, that the war is not to close this year. The strong vote for Mr. Lincoln shows the feeling of the North; & perhaps the Confederacy will die next year. We shall see.

Any specific property of the Board, which you can secure at the breaking up of the old stations, Dwight, Fairfield, or Lee's Creek, you can appropriate, if you wish. If you will be giving Miss Smith an order, for the money, it should be placed in your hands. It would be well to say that it is paid. The store debt ($150) to Ward & Van Buren we shall pay at some time. I presume that will be a just claim upon us.

We ~~have~~ paid several sums for the support & education of the daughter who went to Wisconsin with Miss Swain. In regard to other questions, I know not what to say. If I had any definite proposition from you, I would lay it before the Prud. Com^ee with pleasure; but while every thing is so uncertain, & all intercourse with your part of the world is so liable to interruption, it is difficult for me to make suggestions.

I have no expectation that the Com^ee will resume their operations among the Cherokees, unless a very clear case of duty shall be made out; I have always regretted that you did not leave the Cherokee nation at the commencement of the troubles. I have been told that your deceased wife, in her last illness, was very anxious to have you take the children away from the Cherokee country. The instinct of the mother seems to me to have been safer than the judgment of the father. But I will not dwell upon this topic.

Should you have any proposition to make to the Comee I will present it to them as early as practicable, & inform you of the result.

Very sincerely
Very fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

P. S. I understand that Mr [illegible] wood is coming to Boston Monday, so that you can send by him.

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 20. 1864

Rev. N. H. Pierce
Stromburg, N.Y.

Dear Bro:

Your letter of Dec. 12 [illegible] before the Com. this P.M. They have authorized the payment of the special sum of $100 to Jas. Pierce. [illegible] money [illegible] as [illegible] that there [illegible] would [illegible] authority [illegible] for the [illegible] formerly [illegible] to Russel D. Hays; but as [illegible] the residence of Mr H. I do not send the deed now, [illegible] to forward the proper description of the grantee.

Miss. Rooms Boston
Nov. 25. 1864

Rev. S. R. Riggs
New York.

Dear Bro:

The Com.ee have made no appropriations as yet for your mission. The estimates have come from Fort Thompson; but we have nothing from Dr. W. How much shall we pay for your paper here? Can you send me a copy by the Monday P.M. mail?

Very fraternally
S. B. Treat

P. S. I understand that [illegible] wood is coming to Boston Monday, so that you can send by him.
S. B. Treat

Miss: House Boston
Dec. 20. 1864

Rev. N. H. Pierce
Steamburg. N.Y.

Dear Bro.

Your letter of Dec. 12 I laid before the Com^ee this P.M. They have authorized the payment of the (special) sum of $100 to Jas. Pierce. You can place the money in his hands as soon as you please. I hope & presume that there will be no other application from the Fund.

The Com^ee have also authorized the execution of a deed for the property which you formerly occupied to Russel D. Hays; but as you do not give the residence of Mr H. I do not send the deed now. Please to forward the proper description of the grantee.

Very fraternally
Yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 21. 1864

Mr H. D. Cunningham
Yankton Agency ~~or Ft. Thompson~~

Dear Brother

Your letter of Sept 10 & 27 I should have answered earlier; but our appropriations for the Indian missions have been made quite recently, owing to our late reception of some of the estimates; & I preferred to wait, till I could speak of the allowance for the work on the Missouri.

The Comee have made the appropriations in accordance with the estimates which you sent, viz. $700. for you & Mrs C, $150 for the children, also $300 for a native helper, $500. for school purposes & books. (The sums asked for Messrs W. & P. are also allowed.) This last item is quite indefinite, & ordinarily the Comee refuse to make such a general allowance. I am really unable to imagine how the sum is made up.

I trust that you & all the brethren will use as much economy as practicable. We walk by faith, not by sight, in regard to our finances; how we are to get through the year is utterly beyond our conjecture. I said nothing to the Com^ee respecting a 2^d native helper, & so we have appropriated only $300. My reasons were (1) You say nothing on the subject, in your 2^d letter, but speak of [illegible] as with you. (2) We must economize as much as possible. If there shall be urgent need of another helper, you can write to me on the subject.

I shall be glad to hear from you often, as I am anxious to know what encouragement you are likely to have in your new field. It is quite possible that the set time to favor the Yanktons has come. If it has not come, I fear that they will never become recipients of God's truth.

you will use all possible economy in the dark & very perplexing ... our finances. How we are to stand depends only to Him who sees the end from the beginning

Kind regards to Mrs. C.

Very respectfully yours

S. B. Treat

If there shall be no financial collapse,
we shall probably close

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 20. 1866

Rev. J. P. Williamson &
E. R. Pond Fort Thompson. — Dear Brethren

Our Indian appropriations have been made quite recently; & so I have waited before acknowledging your letter of Oct. 24.

The Com^ee have made the allowances in accordance with your estimates, viz. $400 for Mr W. & $700 for Mr P. We have made the other appropriations also, including $500 for school purposes & books, which I do not understand. In ordinary cases, the Com^ee would refuse such an item, till they know how it was made up. They are slow to sanction general & indefinite estimates as not being business-like & prudent.

I trust you will use all possible economy; for we are much in the dark in regard to our finances. How we are to stand next season is known only to Him who sees the end from the beginning

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If there shall be no financial collapse, we shall probably close the year without serious embarrassment. I find work very hard. If there is a collapse, we shall be in danger of an enormous debt.

I hope to hear good tidings from you and also from Mr Cunningham in his field. ([illegible] & [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible], to the usual desire for a [illegible]) [illegible] faith in these trying times. Desires helps us in obtaining funds. Christians are more mindful the claims of missions, while the devil is pouring out his cunning frauds on them.

I am obliged to be brief in my communications, as I am more than usually busy in these days & sometimes feel that I do not time to do any thing well. Kind regards to all.

Very truly & fraternally

S. B. Treat

Pond

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 27. 1864

Rev O. F. Curtis
Cattaraugus Res. —

Dear Bro.

I have been very busy of late. (perhaps I always shall be) & so have not acknowledged your letter of Oct. 5. I am glad to hear from you, though I [illegible] not able [illegible] extent.

The Com. have sanctioned the estimates for your station. And yet we are obliged to urge upon all our missionaries the rigid economy; because we are altogether in the dark in regard to our financial future. If we close the year next Sept. without embarrassment, I shall think it a great marvel. A financial collapse next spring or summer would be very disastrous. Let us firmly trust the Lord, & look to him only.

[illegible] kindest regards to Mrs. C.

Very truly & fraternally
S. B. Treat

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Miss. House Boston
Dec. 21. 1864

Rev A. Wright
Seneca. — Dear Bro:

Not a moment to acknowledge your letter of Nov. 7. & Aug 11. The Com^e have sanctioned your estimates; except they have allowed Jas. Pierce $100, & resolved to convey the upper Allegany property, as Mr N. H. P. requests; & have informed him of both facts. (3) We are constrained to ask our missionaries to use the utmost economy. We do not expect to get through this financial year; as the receipts do not meet our expenditures thus far.

I think I shall write to Washington soon in regard to money for the Orphan Asylum. We have got our other matters tolerably disentangled, not quite. I will see what can be done. Kindest regards to all with you

Very fraternally yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Bapt
Jan. 3. 1864

Rev. N. H. Pierce
Allegheny

Dear Bro:

I send herewith the deed for Mr Hays, duly executed, according to the law in such a case made & provided. The acknowledgment of a U.S. Com.r is always regarded as satisfactory.

Very truly
yrs
S. B. Peck

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 25. 1865.

Rev. C. Eells
Walla Walla. } Dear Bro.

On the 5th of Aug. I sent to you a copy of the opinion of the U. S. Atty Genl in the matter of the Dalles claim. At the same time I sent a like copy to Mr. Spalding.

I have recently recd a letter from Mr. S. in which he says that this opinion settles the question of the validity of our claim at Lapwai, inasmuch as it is made to turn upon our occupancy, Aug 14 1848, which can be proved beyond all controversy by living witnesses. The nature of the proof I need not specify, as you are familiar with it. He speaks also of his intention to write to you, in order that you may proceed at once, (I suppose he means in the matter of the Lapwai claim, though he does not say this in so many words.)

It has been my wish that you should establish your claim first, as I supposed

[illegible] ~~[illegible]~~; be less difficult, in regard to
this than the Lapwai case. [illegible] have
the Gov't appearing as, I fear, [illegible] to charge up its
buildings, &c & I [illegible] the idea of a dispute
with the U.S. as to rights [illegible] impracticable &
expensive. My experience has led me to consider what [illegible]
[illegible] to have as close touch with the Gov't as
possible. Should your [illegible] be [illegible]
easily, the way would be open for us
to make some [illegible] adjustment, or some
endeavoring to secure our rights. [illegible]
[illegible] however, that
for [illegible] of the [illegible] of our
occupancy, [illegible], may be [illegible]
or lost. [illegible] Gov. [illegible] is regarded by [illegible]
Spalding as a more reliable man, [illegible]
presume, than can be expected in coming
year; & he speaks well of the judge.
[illegible] our
imperfect knowledge of the case, it is
doubtful [illegible] we should do; whether
we should go forward at once, or wait
for further [illegible]. If we can realize any—
thing for our cla[illegible]
for our claim, we shall be glad to do it

~~[illegible]~~; but we do not wish to "send good money after bad". Our ordinary business gives us perplexity enough, without any addition from beyond the Rocky Mountains.

On the whole, the Comee have instructed me to write to you, & ask you to consider what had better be done in the circumstances. If you think it better for us to wait, will you have the goodness to say so, & also say as much to Mr. Spalding? If you deem it our true policy to commence a suit without delay, in the belief that success at no distant day, & with but little expense comparatively, is highly probable, will you have the goodness to advise Mr Spalding what steps to take. (I presume you must have had your thoughts drawn to this subject, because of your own claim.)

Mr Spalding says an attested copy of the Atty Genl opinion will be needed. I have the copy sent me by the Asst Secy of the Interior, with his letter signed by himself. I can make affidavit here that I recd this copy from the Asst Sec., with his letter appended, & send both to you or Mr. S.

I suppose this would suffice. It is not the case of a deposition which must conform to certain rules; but the judge would only ask for reasonable evidence that the paper was what it purported to be.

Very fraternally
yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 25. 1865.

Rev H. H. Spalding
Lapwai. Idaho Ter. — Dear Bro.

Yours of Nov. 7:
has been laid before the Com. & we hardly know what to do. We should be glad to [illegible] the [illegible] of the Lapwai claim; but we dread a lawsuit, in those ends of the earth, especially with the U. S. Govt. adverse to us. We desire ~~as little~~ to have as little to do with "the powers that be" as possible.

I enclose herewith a copy of my letter to Mr Wells, which will show you how the matter lies in our minds, — what I have requested him to do. In that letter I state what I propose to do to obtain the Atty. Genl's opinion.

In regard to the premises, I presume you will be allowed to testify to the contents of it, or what you have lost. If not, it will be well to get the opinion of the lawyer who has charge of the suit, as to what proof or evidence of the original will be needed. (I say the upon the assumption that a suit is to be commenced.)

As to the arrangement with the Govt— we should be willing to do any thing that equity or honor requires. If it seems best, we could lease to the Govt— before the suit is as well as afterwards. If you & the Eells think well of this, we will do so. In that event, let the Govt— officials make out such a paper as they desire us to execute, & send it to me. I think it better that we make the arrangement before the suit, so as to avoid having it bear an antagonism.

Very fraternally

Yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 20. 1864

Rev S. R. Riggs
New York.—

Dear Bro.

Yours of the 14th I laid before the Comee this P.M. They agree to assume the $162.70; so that matter is disposed of satisfactorily.

They have also appropriated $750 for the support of yourself & family for 1865; & they allow $300 for the 4 Dakota children which Mr & Mrs. Renville.

I am sorry to hear that Mrs R's health is such as to excite solicitude. I hope & pray that you may find her much better on your return. But I am more & more impressed with the uncertainty of all things pertaining to our earthly lot. We are strangers & pilgrims; & I rejoice that the journey is not to be very long. "I would not live alway"; is often in my thoughts. Oh! to live a sinless life! in presence of the Beloved! Who would not begin it, as soon as God speaks the word! yes [illegible] 137 [illegible]

Miss. House, Boston
Feb. 7 1865

Miss Abigail Peck
Tuscaroras. — Dear Miss Peck

Yours of the 3d I have just rec'd. In reply I have to say that we are not anxious to own the property of which you write, on any special account, or for any advantage. What you need, you had better keep; & beyond that, let Miss Britto have a reasonable share. I don't know how much there will be, perhaps all. I am willing that you should divide the whole between you, if it seems best to you. If you sell the residue, I am willing that the money should go for the benefit of the Tuscaroras. If any thing really needs to be done, & you can get them to do it by paying a small sum, then paying the same, have the goodness to use the money in your discretion. In fact, you may expend the whole for them, inducing them to do as much as you can.

In great haste,
Very truly yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 8. 1865

Mr. C. A. Cunningham
Minneapolis. Minn.

Dear Sir.

Your two letters of Dec. 26. & Jan. 18 I have duly rec^d & I read your account of the Yankton experiment with deep interest. I have been very anxious that our endeavors there should meet with success; but from what you say & what Mr J. P. Williamson says, it appears that the prospect is not encouraging.

It so happened that I rec^d a letter from Mr Riggs, two days ago, inquiring what course the Com^e desired him to take. I concluded, therefore, to bring the working of the Dakota missions, present & future, before the Prud. Com^ee yesterday P.M. I read from your two letters, & from the letters of the two Williamsons & Mr Riggs. I made some statements in regard to the cost of our present efforts, & the prospects of Indian missions in general. The conclusion was that we must contract our Dakota expenses.

You will have no difficulty in supposing that our financial prospects absorb a great deal of thought & attention. We feel that for us the severest test is to come. When peace comes, values will be unsettled, business deranged, & our friends will curtail their contributions. The peace rumors of the last month have shown this. A friend who gave us $500 last year, said last week, "I subscribed $100 on the 4th Sab. of Jan.; to day I should not subscribe any thing. I have since lost $25.000."

I submitted a calculation to the Comee in Sept. as the basis of the paper which I read to the Board in October, reducing expenses as much as I could; but I could not get below $265.000 in gold & $70.000 in currency! I put down the Indian missions at $9.000 in currency within $51. of their cost the last year. But I find that we are going above that sum. If we go through the year without change, your missions will cost us more than $20.000! The Comee feel that in the circumstances they ought not to pay so much.

On the other hand, the endeavor to com-since Missn operations at the Yankton Agency has not proved a success. There are serious adverse influences to be encountered among the Indians; the Govt officials cannot be relied on. I know there may be changes. The Comrs may visit the Agency in the spring. But I have had too much knowledge of the Indian Department since 1848, at the centre & at the outposts, to expect much from that quarter. As long as the appointments are made on political grounds, & as long as agents have such power of mischief, I have but little hope that "the powers that be" will save the Indians.

On the whole, the Comee feel obliged to discontinue their work at the Yankton Agency. And they do not see how they can form any plan, which will give you & Mrs. C. such a position as you may properly desire. The idea of a boarding school must be postponed, perhaps forever. I think we ought not to increase our expenses at Fort Thompson, as matters now are; & there is no new post that we ought to occupy.

I hardly need say that this action of the Comee does not proceed upon any dissatisfaction with you or Mrs. C. You have their full confidence, even as you had it when at Eaglewood. The case is simply this: "The providence of God has so interrupted our plans, that we have no legitimate work for a part of our mis'y force. Hence we are obliged to part from those whom we hold in the highest esteem." Even Mr Riggs, with his fine use of the [illegible], & after his long service, I think we must lose also.

Please to assure Mrs C of my kindest regards. Hoping to hear from you as soon as convenient, I am, as ever,

Very sincerely

yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 8 1865

Rev. S. R. Riggs.
St. Anthony. — Dear Brother.

Your favor of the 29th I laid before the Com^ee^ yesterday P.M. & read extracts from the letters of the other members of the mission, except E. R. Pond. We then had a conference in regard to our future plans as connected with the Dakotas.

1. The pecuniary question has some importance. On our present basis, the cost of your mission this year will be more than $8.000. In the great uncertainty of our prospects, we think we cannot safely make so large an outlay. At least, we ought to have very strong reasons for it.

2. The future of the Dakotas seems to be as doubtful as ever. I expect nothing from the Govt. as our Indian affairs are in the arena of politics. There may be changes; but they are as likely to be adverse as the contrary.

The experiment at the Yankton Agency I regard as unpromising. Hence I have just

written to Mr Cunningham (at Minneapolis)
that the Comee have concluded to abandon their
efforts at that point. We make no change
at Fort Thompson; Dr. Williamson, I suppose,
will care for the Davenport prisoners.

Come now to the main topic of your
letter. I have been hoping that Providence would
give you a field among the Dakotas, which
you & yours could consistently occupy. The
Comee regret exceedingly to lose a missionary,
having so good a knowledge of the Dakota,
so much experience, & so very estimable
a character. It almost seems like sinking
part of our capital.

But you have strong reasons for not
wishing to dwell among the Dakotas, — away
from civilized life. I appreciate them fully;
I can see that in your circumstances,
we should feel as you do. Your family has a
claim, as well as the heathen; & the former
may outweigh any other. On the whole, we
have come to the conclusion that we cannot
ask you to continue in any such line of
things"

I doubt if there is any happiness which to you can render, that we should be afraid of more? I appreciate your feelings with regard to this. A minister of Christ, duly called to the sacred office, can hardly be content with such a position. He desires to do his part, the whole of it, in the great work which is committed to the church.

If seeing now Dr. W. out of the question, I think I should propose to you to engage the chaplains of the [illegible] for the present, you asking the same reason, that see the we are now. But I infer from your letter that you think that we ought to give Dr. W. some such employment, as he is so much further on in life. If I am right in this, I don't see that we can have any further claim upon you, (except that I hope you will make the trip to the Scouts' Camp of which you speak, if you can, at our expense of course.)

If you are to minister to the whites, it is better for you & them not to postpone the change. You will lose in efficiency for such a work every year. If you begin at once, I doubt not you will soon become accustomed to the new harness; & I trust you may have many happy years of service, differing from your past labors, it is true, & yet in the One vineyard, & under the eye of the One Master.

Confidential

Feb. 9 1865

Rev. S. R. Riggs

Dear Bro:

I need not say that Mrs. R. & myself have the entire confidence of the Com^ee & the Officers of the Board. If you shall [illegible] us, we shall feel that nothing has [illegible] to sever the bond which has so long [illegible] between us, but that it is [illegible], since the God of [illegible] has so ordained.

In case of your [illegible] from our [illegible], ought it not to make you some [illegible] allowance? We have no [illegible] love; but we often [illegible].

With kindest regards to Mrs. R. & your family, I remain Very fraternally

S. B. Treat

Confidential

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 9 1865

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Dr. Williamson. — Dear Bro.

My letter to you (& the one to Mr. Cunningham) will perhaps [illegible] make too strong an impression on one point. I would not imply that we do not mean to attempt anything among Fort Thompson or [illegible], in any circumstances. Possibly there may be such changes at the Yankton agency, as will justify our going there again. But the developments had better in the case of native talent, lead to education. [illegible] not committed ourselves to any opinion or plan which will preclude our employing natives by them. Wherever it shall seem desirable, having a regard to the interests of the Dakotas & our friends. Very truly yours

S. B. Treat

Feb 9. 1865

Rev. John P. Williamson,

Fort Thompson

Dear Brother,

Your favor of 21st Jan. was duly rec'd Tuesday P.M. I thought it best to bring the Dakota Mission, fully & formally, before the Com^ee [illegible] [illegible] letters of Mr. Riggs, Mr. Cunningham, your father & yourself, & ask what should be our policy. The conclusion was to make no change at Fort Thompson; to [illegible] as the expense [illegible], [illegible] the prisoners at Davenport, [illegible] as he may be able to do; to give up our efforts at the Yankton Agency, & allow Mr. C. to relinquish the service; & not to insist upon Mr. Riggs' remaining with us, the interests of his family not allowing him to live among the Indians.

[illegible] up the Yankton Agency, because [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the teaching is becoming quite operation where our [illegible] [illegible]; it would cost us more than $5000; & we cannot [illegible] feeling a good deal of [illegible] in regard to our finances. [illegible] may affect us more than any other [illegible], as things [illegible], business may be greatly deranged, & our receipts greatly crippled.

[illegible] that there is a strong [illegible] at the [illegible] a [illegible], (& it may [illegible] itself more [illegible], I [illegible] [illegible],) & [illegible] anything done for the [illegible] there. [illegible] we shall need places for our Dakota brethren.

We are very sorry to part with Bro. Riggs; but [illegible] [illegible], in the circumstances, to "accept it," & [illegible] among the Indians; & [illegible] to be [illegible] to its [illegible].

[illegible] I trust that you, with Mr. & Mrs. [illegible], will labor with strong faith. God has done great things for the Dakotas; [illegible] greater things still. I trust you will give yourselves unto prayer continually, that the arm of the Lord may be signally revealed at your station. Kindest regards to Mrs. [illegible] & [illegible]. Fraternally yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 9. 1865

Rev. T. S. Williamson M.D.
St. Peter. Min.

Dear Bro.

Your letter of Jan. 25 then rec'd. Last Tuesday I laid your requests before the Prud. Com^ee. They had previously voted you a salary of $500; they now vote $75 each for the two girls heretofore with you, & $75 for the new-comer. Your extra expenses, coming out of your hands, they will expect the Treas^r to pay.

We had some discussion in regard to the future policy of the Board among the Dakotas. On our present basis, our expenses are getting to be quite large, more than $5000 a year. In addition to this fact, the experiment at the Yankton Agency does not seem to promise much at present. Hence the Com^ee instructed me to write Bro. Cunningham, saying that we proposed to discontinue our efforts at that point, if you are not prepared to open a boarding school, he will be left without occupation, unless some new place presents itself. Should the Santee Agency become better hereafter, we may settle a native preacher there, especially after we get past the collapse which peace is pretty sure to bring.

16th Matters at Fort Thompson are to continue as they are; do you [illegible] to be bishop of the Davenport prisoners; doing such other things as may need your attention. Mr Riggs thinks he cannot take his family among the Dakotas. He is not content to do half work. Hence the Com^ee feel that they must relinquish their hold on him; and if he is to devote himself to the ordinary work of the ministry, he had better do it before he is older, or [illegible] go too far along in life to take a pastorate.

Have you a com^ee for missions in your [illegible]? If not, would there be any gain in having one? [illegible] & forming & [illegible] for missions? Is there any thing that I can do to furnish the [illegible] spirit? Any [illegible] Reports, other publications, &c? I do not wish to trouble you needlessly; but I feel sure that you will be glad to keep the [illegible] if you can.

Very fraternally yours,
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 11 1865

Rev. [illegible] Williamson,
Portland, Oregon

Yours of the 16th Jan. was duly rec'd. I sincerely thank you for it. [illegible] to Rev. [illegible] Hubbard, [illegible] editor of the Herald; [illegible] will make use of the information it supplies [illegible] the Nez Perces.

[illegible] I enquire whether any thing can be done to interest [illegible] more deeply in our operations. They are so far away [illegible] how to reach them. [illegible], in general, [illegible] proportionately, as we recede from the Miss. House in Boston [illegible] does better than any other city, & Mass. than any other State.

Have you a concert for missions in your ch.? If not, would there be any gain in having one? Is the monthly concert observed? Do [illegible] collections [illegible] for missions? Is there any thing that I can do to develop the [illegible] spirit? [illegible] Reports, & other publications [illegible]? I do not wish to trouble you needlessly; but I feel sure that you will be glad to help the good cause. [illegible] kind regards [illegible]

S. B. Treat

Missionary House, Boston,
March 20. 1865.

Rev. [illegible] Williamson,
Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Sir, Your note [illegible] to [illegible] Dakota [illegible] books at the Tract House [illegible] "Precept upon Precept" in Dakota were sent [illegible] here, & many remain [illegible] by [illegible] nothing of any other book in Dakota [illegible] for which you ask [illegible] whereabouts of [illegible] So [illegible] no details [illegible] now send you by [illegible] 20 copies of "Precept upon Precept"

Very truly Yours
Calvin N. Chapin.

Do you & your family receive periodicals as you wish? I have no word from you respecting those to be sold for 1865.

Missionary House, Boston,
March 2. 1865.

Rev. Thomas S. Williamson,
Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Sir, — Your note to Rev. I. P. Warren of Feb. 17, was sent to us by Mr W. — as they had no Dakota books at the Tract House, — Some 240 of "Precept upon Precept" in Dakota, were sent here, & now remain in the Missionary House, except what have been sent by mail to members of the Mission — We here, know nothing of any other book in Dakota — I think Mr. Riggs can explain the whereabouts of those for which you ask. Probably he got them printed in New York. So you will see we can give no details as to where or how they were sent. We now send you by mail 20 copies of "Precept upon Precept".

Very truly Yours
Calvin N. Chapin.

Do you & your family receive periodicals as you wish? — I have not heard from you respecting those to be sent for 1865.

Miss. House Boston
March 7 1865

Rev. C. S. Cunningham
Minneapolis. Min.

Dear Bro.

Yours of the 20th ult. with C's of the L. C. — I have rec'd & carefully read. To day I have submitted them to the Prud. Comee. Neither of these is sufficient reason, in your statements, for modifying the decision which I reported in my last. You would be sorry to hear, as it pains me to write, that they do not see their way clear to make any change. Though we are assured that the prospect of usefulness among the Yanktons is better than we supposed, we are constrained to feel that our financial future is much darker than it has been. I have just had a conference with our acting Treas. — He feels a good deal of anxiety. — I confess that I am obliged to share with him. The receipts of Feb. have disappointed us. In fact, we have rec'd during 6 months only $186.000; whereas we must have, if possible, $600.000 in 12 months.

We should be obliged to keep down our expenses as much as possible, & make all practicable efforts to increase the donations.

It seems to me that the cost of the Dakota mission is to be necessarily, after all reasonable abatements, much greater than heretofore. Those, who have received the benefit of years of labor, & who have suffered so much, really have the first claim. I fear that to meet these legitimate claims, & to work our available force effectively, a large outlay will be needed. Books will cost a considerable sum; buildings will be expensive; the current expense of living will be much greater than formerly. I should feel glad to go back to the time before the outbreak, & conduct our operations on the old basis of appropriations, when you & Mrs. C. paid [illegible] of the boarding school [illegible] supporting, was in better than in this time nor enough. [illegible] the [illegible] Anna for the first time in about 3 months & this afternoon has today a serious attack of bronchial inflammation. Excuse my hasty letter for this reason.

Kind regards to Mrs. C. Very truly &c. S. R. Riggs

in this [illegible] of [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] Crosby [illegible]
or [illegible] [illegible] 16. 1866.
[illegible] hand
to [illegible]

[illegible] letters [illegible]
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[illegible] not required, [illegible] somewhat in-
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
few [illegible] 5 days ago, [illegible] already presented
[illegible] school,
[illegible] the [illegible] authorize [illegible] expenditure
of $7-14, [illegible] purpose; [illegible] not
[illegible] in regard to our financial
prospects. [illegible] not at home, [illegible] of [illegible],
[illegible] to be [illegible] through 16 months
to Apr. 1 [illegible] [illegible] exchange [illegible] 235,
[illegible] gold [illegible] 214, [illegible] utterly unequal
to the expenditure, [illegible] in
[illegible] abroad. [illegible] gold is falling [illegible] may fall
[illegible] still more; but [illegible] foreign
[illegible] are continuing,
the [illegible] many [illegible] large [illegible]
[illegible] than they can
afford to lose.

In this, we expect disappointment; many of our people [illegible] will suffer; others will be [illegible]; for that [illegible] hand to close the year without a debt [illegible] will feel

[illegible] I entreat you to cut down expenses as much as possible. We allow the $100 for painting; but unless the case is very urgent, I would postpone the claim, especially if it can be done more economically hereafter, and [illegible] already. In regard to [illegible] and for the boarding school, I must repeat [illegible] the school would be [illegible]. We should not be justified in assuming the whole cost, in our present circumstances. [illegible] if the school is continued, we [illegible] ought to allow [illegible] in view of [illegible] is [illegible].

The [illegible] feel that the experiment is costing much more than they expected; and they would not have made it, had they foreseen the heavy drafts it would make upon the treasury. If you look at the [illegible] of the mission for [illegible] years, you will see that it has been quite large. (See our Annual Report in the last report. I find the amount of disbursements $2,915. In the stores which is coming. I doubt whether the Comm^r will feel that they can expend such a sum at Odanah. The [illegible] Curtailment Committee, I presume; & I fear that our Indian missions will be obliged to bear their full share.

I am sorry to learn from yours of Jan. 27 of your illness: I have no doubt that you have brought it upon you; I fear that you were a little imprudent in going to Bayfield in the cold. I find that [illegible] obliged to be more careful as we grow older. I believe I have no personal acquaintance with Mr. Caswell; but I have a very favorable impression of him. Judge Leslie's testimony in regard to his daughter is valuable. Always an excellent lady, with much of the missionary spirit.

In regard to supplies. I think you may safely assume that for some time to come, prices will fall. Hence delay is desirable; so far as it is practicable. We see quite a difference in health already; we expect to see a greater difference.

I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
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[illegible] C. A. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] three years
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all [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] the Lord
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
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our [illegible] may seem a small [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] that [illegible] all [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of your [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], to give himself to prayer [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]:
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] so [illegible]!
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] Plate.

Miss. House Boston
March 20, 1865

Rev. S. R. Riggs
St. Anthony: — My Dear Brother

Your letter of Feb. 15 & 19, with Mr. Bond's, I have read with special interest. I have also submitted the contents to the Committee. They wish you to consider the suggestions of Mr Bond thoughtfully & prayerfully & confer with your brethren when you shall have the opportunity. Without indicating their views & preferences, in fact they have no present opinion, but will wait for the results of your conference, I will suggest a few points for consideration.

1. What are the prospects of the Indian work among the Dakotas? How will they appear at the time of the conference? This is a very important inquiry; because the new plan will involve expenditures. If carried into effect, & take you from the field which you have begun to contemplate.

I suppose it will be a matter for us & you all to satisfy ourselves that there is reason & good reason, to believe that what is done for the Dakotas will not be in vain. It may be our duty to keep a moderate force in the field, when it would not be our duty to double our expenditures.

2. You will, of course, be anxious to have sufficient work, in behalf of the Indians. You will not be happy if you feel that you are an idler half the time. Can a programme be made that will satisfy you in this regard? The answer is

3. You can labor directly for the Dakotas a part of the time, & indirectly the rest of the time. That is, you can make skeletons for native preachers & keep them at work & enable them to labor far more usefully than they could without your aid. There is a great deal of excellent sense in Mr. Pond's letter. He has put the case strongly, as well as clearly, perhaps not too strongly. (This whole subject is fundamental in missions; the Comm^t [illegible] must enter into this.

"established his ability if [illegible] the man, we all agree to with them? It requires good food has been done through the interferences. But several questions come up with me. I add, therefore:

4. Are you sure of having good water [illegible]? Or, especially, any considerable number of them? I suppose you will say, "Yes" without hesitation. Hence I ask 5th. Are you satisfied that you will have work for any considerable number? Where is it to be? Will the Minnesota Indians furnish it? If you went to the Kansas would you not feel uncertainty as to the experiment? of this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]?

6. Will the preparation of these skeletons occupy so much of your time as shall not be devoted to personal efforts among the Indians?

7. How are they to be made ready for the market? ~~Shall~~ Must you paint them? That will be rather costly, you know. Or will you send them your [illegible] stations shall be in U.S.? This is a point that will need some thought.

8. It is very important inquiry for me in this.

"How much is the mission on the proposed plan to cost?" It consists of 5 men with all expenses, of 4 families. (Dr. [illegible], Dr. W. [illegible]. Pond & myself) [illegible] add the number of native preachers. In any place, where the mission work is to be done, will not the expense of living be high? To the cost of 4 white families, add the cost of [illegible] families, & all other disbursements, & will you not have a pretty large amount?

6. This last consideration is one that we shall be obliged to weigh well. Our finances have a bad look. We have gone through the first 6 months, Sept. to March, [illegible], but with small [illegible]; & now we may be in danger (in general [illegible] unsettling of matters with the mission; & the lower [illegible] of gold, may be more than balanced (to us) by failures, losses, fears, &c. But I do not say all this to prevent a careful revision of your previous purpose. I strongly desire [illegible], & hope that you & the brethren will at once devise a plan that shall keep up [illegible] with us, [illegible] your usefulness & develop the mission more rapidly than ever. Very truly &c S. B. Treat

what may be called "a Missionary [illegible]" at Boston
is found that enables the brethren to publish Books
for others. & Rev. S. Williamson helps us too.
or make arrangements for [illegible] Dear Brother [illegible] movements.
Perhaps we shall bring them into the Treasury of Mind
of the 20 [illegible] with the [illegible], two or three
Indian books prepared by you, as much as
may be. I have requested Rev. Riggs in the inst-
ance of the Com. to confer with his brethren
carefully & frankly in regard to a plan which
Rev. G. H. Pond has proposed, viz, that besides
his own personal labors among the Dakotas,
he prepare skeletons for the native preachers.
I also suggested certain points which I wish
to have considered, as you will learn. If we
may [illegible] the Com. be satisfied that he may still labor profi-
tably & happily in connection with the mission, I shall rejoice,
will "founded always", as the [illegible] day [illegible] we have [illegible]
to much to pay. Our finances look worse than
they did when I wrote to you last. It
did not. The cost of [illegible] has been reduced since
nearly the present financial year commenced. It is not
certain I believe, to what extent we shall
carry it. Such receipts [illegible] sometimes [illegible] place in

what may be called "a working fund". i.e.
a fund that enables the Treasurer to provide
for our expenses, when these receipts are low,
or insufficient for current disbursements.
Perhaps we shall bring them into the receipts
of the current year, at the end of the year, to
reduce our apprehended debt, as much as
may be. This is the more probable course.

As to the work among the Yancktons.
I confess that I do not see the way clear as
yet. The encouragement seems rather scanty.
And then if the Minnesota Indians leave
Fort Thompson, the Yanckton Agency will
be distant, (will it not?) for the proper sup=
ervision of a native teacher. Besides I have
very little faith in Govt - plans; while I am sure
that the white influence & Catholic influence
will be pernicious. But I am open to conviction.

When you see your son, please to
say that I have recd his letter of Jan. 21. It
did not require an answer; & as I have lost
nearly a month by bronchial inflammation, I have
not written. Kind regards to your family when you
see them. Very respectfully - fraternally S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

Miss. House Boston
March 23 1865

Miss Marcia Colton
Norfolk Va.

Dear Miss C, Yours of the 4th Oct. came when I was very busy, (as I am apt to be in that state, yet I thought) I would not thank you for it till I had leisure. Unfortunately the "good time" did not come, till it confined me to the house by a serious bronchial inflammation. Since my recovery I have been much occupied, especially as Dr. Anderson is not well.

I rejoice in all that the Lord is doing for the black race. It seems to me almost past human belief, & shows us what he can do, when the set time comes. My earnest desire is that he may finish the work in his perfect way.

My 2d son was Asst. Surgeon at Portsmouth Va. a short time since. Now he is at Suffolk. He has not completed his medical course. My 3d a theological student, wishes to go to the South for the Chr. Comn. Very truly yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. Hewse Boston

March 25. 1865

Rev. A. Wright

Versailles. N.Y. Dear Bro.

I am now ready to apply to the Interior Dept. for a part of the civilization fund, in the interest of your Orphan Asylum. The old docket is pretty much cleared; & I know of nothing pending between us & the Interior Dept. which will be an obstruction. For all this, however, I am not very sanguine.

I wrote to inquire whether the Indian Dept. has done any thing for you since the $1000 of 1860, also whether you have made any application for aid since that donation. Any thing else bearing on the question, pro or con, I should be glad to know.

Mr. Ward wrote to you in regard to the Tonawanda oil matter. You thought that the duration of the proposed lease might seem rather short. One of the Com.ee who has some knowledge of oil companies, proposed the term of 2 or 3 years. I think, however, the Com.ee would go further.

Miss. Seneca Boston

If you should find that the arrangements could be made on this basis. If there is any obstruction here, please to see what are the best terms for us which can be obtained, & report your opinion thereon.

I hear that your lands in Penna. become would- rising in value with this great oil excitement? Is there any likelihood that the Allegany Reservation will prove to be an oil region? I see that the Oil companies are getting near our Reservation.

Please to say to Dr. Quinby that I read his letter of Jan. 9 with interest, as I do all his communications; but as no reply was necessary, I did not write. In fact, I have lost a good considerable part of time, through a serious bronchial inflammation. I am hoping to hear that the Lord has been very gracious to the Senecas.

Affectionately

Very fraternally

Kindest regards to Mrs. W. & family.

Very fraternally S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

March 27. 1865

Rev. S. R. Riggs

St. Anthony. — Dear Bro.

Yours of March 14, I have just rec'd. You will have rec'd mine of March 20, which will clear up some points presented by you.

We never release a missionary, except upon his application. You & Mrs. R. are in connection with us, therefore, just as you have been.

In my last, March 20, I intended to leave you free to consider your future course, just as if you had not said anything about a change of place.

I shall be glad to hear from your conference. May the Lord give you wisdom, so that you may discern, fully & joyfully, the way in which you should go.

Kindest regards to Mrs. R. & family.

Very fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
April 12 1865

Rev. A. Wright
enecas. — Dear Bro.

Your favor of March 31 — April 4 I have duly rec^d. I thank you the information which it contains.

In the present state of your relations the Indian Department, perhaps it is inexpedi=ent for me to make application for a part of Civilization Fund, in behalf of the Asylum. you think otherwise, please to inform me of fact.

I hope the New Gov^t will pursue a wise curse in regard to the encouragement of the ools. It will certainly be a very unpleasant fact, if it does little or nothing, having the necessity & will dishearten the friends of the Indians their endeavors to benefit them.

The Com^ee very cheerfully voted $50 to Hattie clark, which you can pay her (or draw for it.) They will e more, whenever there shall be occasion for it. se to give my kindest regards to her.

I shall be glad to hear, at any time, how the oil citement is affecting the Indians. Churches generally & [illegible]
in regard to [illegible]

Miss. House Boston

Miss. House Boston
April 12 - 1865

Rev. C. F. Curtis
Senecas. — Dear Brother

Yours of April 5 — rec'd two days ago. (The acc't I have delivered to Mr. Ward.) It would give me great pleasure to receive a more favorable report in respect to the miss'y work on Catt's Reservation; but I am not much surprised that you have no better tidings to send us. The obstacles to success are somewhat numerous & rather formidable; & our only hope must be in the power of God.

I presume that you urge & stimulate the good, honest Christians to pray much for the Spirit of the Lord. This is a topic which needs constant illumination & enforcement. Small as the number of such Christians is at Cattaraugus, they can wield a power that will accomplish wonders.

I am a good deal troubled by the thought that our missions generally are less richly blessed with spiritual blessings than they were in former years. We greatly need a wide outpouring of the Spirit

With regards to Mrs. C. Very fraternally yours, S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

April 26. 1865

Mr. C. C. Cunningham

Minneapolis. Minn. Dear Sir.

Yours of the 17th inst. rec^d. & yesterday I obtained the consent of the Prud. Com^e. to [illegible] pay your expenses to the Northern Agency [illegible] support two Dakota children in your family, at the prices heretofore paid, for the present.

To the inquiry which you make in regard to my views touching the plan which you have in mind for a boarding school for Dakota children, I hardly know what to say. I can hardly suppose it possible that you would not diminish, to some extent, our receipts, & yet, with special care, the reduction might be so small, comparatively, that we ought not to object.

Of the value of such results as would probably be secured, I am not altogether clear.

I doubt, however, your plan, except in general. Of (ie the education of Indians for others) [illegible] to [illegible] them more [illegible] is apt to be [illegible] profitable to them than is expected. Our belief at the Miss. House is strong that children (Indian heathen) should be trained, under mission influences, on mission ground. If such a plan as yours is good for Dakota children, it must be for exceptional reasons. I do not say that such reasons do not exist; nor do I affirm the contrary.

Let me suggest that you obtain from Messrs Williamson & Riggs their matured judgment in the premises. Lay your plan before them, & let them pass upon it. Especially let them say what is to become of these children, after they leave your school. What are they to do? where are they to live?

If these brethren approve your plan, let them write a recommendation of you & Mrs C. for such a work, & sign it & give it to you. If you will send it to me, I will endorse it.

Kind regards to Mrs C.

Very truly

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S. B. Treat

June 30. 186[illegible]

Rev Wm Hall
London. Mich. Dear Bro

Yours of the 26th I have just recd. The $5 I have paid to the Treasury & I thank you for remembering us after this manner. We shall need all we can get.

I am sorry to hear that Mr P. is at work for the N.W. Freedman's Aid Com. I think he ought to be ousted. But it is very desirable that he should be ousted without noise, in order that the character of our missionaries may not suffer & the cause may not receive damage. As you know the case & have discovered his whereabouts suppose you write to Mr Shephard, say that you think him unworthy of the confidence of the Com. & refer him to Bro Wright & Bro Pierce, as best qualified to give information on the premises. It may be well to ask him & give as little publicity to the case as possible. In this way it seems to me, the matter can be disposed of without difficulty. Write in general terms, so as not to expose yourself to a libel suit. Kind regard to your family. Very truly yours S B Treat

Miss. House Boston
July 3. 1865

Rev. [illegible]
To John W. [illegible] Esq.
[illegible] Dear [illegible] H.
Edinburgh.

Yours of June [illegible], I have just received the address of Rev. Isaac Willey in Goffstown N.H. & I now wrote to Rev. W. Willey, but I think I should [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] there was his that neighborhood when I last heard from him.

I am glad to hear from you & especially to know that you are so usefully employed. The freedmen are to open a large & inviting field for Christian effort. It is exceedingly important that sound religious instruction should be imparted; & this is not given in all cases. Hence I rejoice in the endeavors of the Am. Miss. Association. May the Lord bless you greatly in your work, & enable you to walk by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of faith!

Very sincerely
yours
S. B. Treat

[illegible]

July 5. 1865

John W. [illegible] Esq.
[illegible]

My dear Sir.

[illegible] at the [illegible] day, [illegible] sold [illegible] of [illegible] regular [illegible]. [illegible] attended to the [illegible] connected [illegible] authorized me [illegible] on your [illegible] is two days [illegible], it [illegible] the same [illegible] as the other.

[illegible]

However, [illegible] respects [illegible] truly.

[illegible]

State House, Boston
July 5. 1865

John W. Tawse Esq.
Edinburgh.

Dear Sir.

As I was out at the West in May, we could not hold our meeting of Com^e at the regular time. We have attended to the business committed to our body; the Com^e have authorized me to draw on your Treasurer for £22.5; as the bill is ten days from sight, it will go in the same mail as this letter.

I send herewith an extract from Mr. Smith's letter in regard to Edward W. Pierce, the latter now studying at Hanover; also one respecting future recipients of your bounty.

Rev. Mr. Wright is still at his post, feeble in health, but eminently useful. In fact, his labors become almost indispensable to the highest interests

I regret that he does not write more fully in regard to his work; but his daily, hourly engagements are fully equal to his strength. I hope to receive something from him, at no distant day, which I can transmit to you.

I am as ever, Dear Sir,
Very respectfully yours,
J. Tracy
Sec. of the [illegible]
Correspondents.

Mill. House Boston

July 12. 1865

[illegible] Mission

[illegible]

July [illegible]

Rev. A. Wright [illegible]

Dear Sir [illegible]

The [illegible]

[illegible] with [illegible]

I have [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] you have my best

[illegible] within a few weeks, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

and held two [illegible] with

one stove,

Kind regards [illegible]

[illegible]

Very respectfully

Yrs

[illegible]

Miss. House Boston
July 12, 1865.

To the Dakota Mission.—

Dear Brethren.

I rec^d yesterday the last of the letters which I had reason to expect in connection with matters discussed in your late meeting. I refer to Mr. J. P. Williamson's letter, July 11. Reports of the old school at Fort Thompson around May 1st, while gone in the West, with a note from Mr. J. P. W. Dr Williamson's report of the school at Camp Kearney came to hand April 11th. His letter of April 6. preceded the report ten days. Two letters from Mr. Riggs, May 11. June 15 are also rec^d.

I feel very much obliged to you for keeping me so well "posted up" in regard to matters of common interest to us all; & I am very thankful that the Lord has so much evidence of the divine favor among these scattered bands of Indians. It is something remarkable in the history of our labors among these Indians in their his wages; & I trust the Com^ee will be ready to follow when the Providence clearly leads them. I rejoice in the liberality of your Committee; & I pray the great Head of the Ch. to give him a special anointing for his work.

The Com^ee will be ready to employ native helpers, in case they shall be assured that their labors will be adapted & successful. They particularly thought the employment of Robt Hopkins at the Dakota expense, will be on condition that he has $25 a month, & $100 in buildings. They have done this, not because our finances are especially promising, for they are not, but because they wish to know what encouragement there is for efforts among the Dakotas not reached hitherto. Perhaps the experiment will show that an important work is to be done in this new field. The Lord grant it may be so! The means will not be wanting for it.

The conclusions arrived at by the Mission, so far as I understand them, have my approval. I like the conservative course adopted in regard to Mr. Pond's claim for a station; something may grow out of it, but experience will show what it is to be. I think it will be well for Mr. Riggs to devote some time to the translating of the O. T. if he feels drawn to that work, in view of the wants of the Dakotas.

I regret that there is so much uncertainty as to the future location of the Indians. We seem to make very little progress in this matter, either toward new arrangements, or toward the perfecting of present arrangements. It has been said that there are to be new schemes adopted, removals of Indians, &c. &c.; what is actually to be done, no one seems to know. "The powers that be" are not more stable, apparently, than others. Such a state of things is bad for the Indians, and full of inconveniences, especially as it prevents the erection of suitable buildings.

I am glad to hear that Mrs. Riggs' health is improving. I trust the Lord will be pleased to spare her for many years. You have much reason, as also your old associates, for thankfulness to God, in view of the work which he ~~God~~ has been pleased to grant you [illegible] so many little [illegible] rapidly in the Dakota land. Dr. Anderson expects to resign a year from next fall, when he will be 70 years old; & I shall be 64. Prudential probably choose a new Sec. this fall for the post which he is to vacate.

Very fraternally yours,
In the fellowship of the gospel,
S. B. Treat

P.S. It is not necessary to send us detailed vouchers now, as the Govt. makes no allowance for salary.

A copy of this will be sent to the other branch of the Mission.

Miss. House, Boston.
Aug 16 1861

Rev. W. Willey
Ft. Gibson. Dear Bro.

It is now 6 1/4 P.M. & our employés are all gone; but I feel that I ought to acknowledge yours of Aug 5. It came when I was [illegible] in vacation 200 miles from home. Let me refer to the points of your letter in order.

1. The "definite propositions" made to me before your wife died. I have no knowledge of. If I had such, I should have replied, of course.

2. In regard to "the funds provided annually given to missionary children". I have only to say that they are provided to give to the children of missionaries, actually in the service of the Board. Your mission was discontinued in 1860, & so your children do not come within the reach of the provision to which you refer.

3. I am sorry that I cannot give any assurance that your orders on the Treas-

in favor of Dr. Hitchcock will be paid. I am surprised that you should give such an order, without authority from the Com-mittee, at this late day; & I am surprised that you should ask that it be paid, without giving us any idea of the amount or the occasion of it. This is not the way that is in vogue at the Mission House for the transaction of business.

4. The Treasurer has paid an order in behalf of Mrs. Smith for some $45. Though he paid the matter is somewhat irregular; this does not commit to [illegible] such proceedings. We have paid a considerable sum to Col. Aitken, for the education of your daughter & lodging with him. [illegible] all the property at Dwight, which might have been disposed of for a handsome sum in the matter of $1000, or you might have had a very convenient amount of your body of things there. If you had needed more, the Comm^ee would have granted it. But you chose to remain in the Indian country; & consequently we have lost [illegible] suffered much. [illegible]

Messrs. [illegible]

question fairly arises: "How far are to make good losses incurred by those remaining in the field after the Board had decided to abandon it?" Our Contributors may have an opinion in such a case.

So of putting your children. It seems to me that they ought not to have been kept among the Cherokees so long. I have heard but one opinion on this point. And notwithstanding what I have said above, I am willing to recommend the Com^ee to do something toward their education, if that shall be a final settlement of the matters pending between us. We are accustomed to pay $50 a year to girls, & $60 to boys. Suppose we give $50 to each for three years, or $300 in one sum. Will this be satisfactory, if you can close the business? I shall then be ready to lay the matter before the Com^ee as soon as I hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

S. B. Treat

Miss. [illegible] [illegible]
Aug. 1, 1865

Miss Abigail Scott
[illegible], N.Y.

rec'd after [illegible] ; I [illegible]
not perfectly consistent with [illegible] the
position of the Miss'y [illegible] [illegible] to the
A.M.A. [illegible]

In regard to the doings of the chh., I cannot avoid expressing my [illegible] that our old friends should take [illegible] the [illegible] in possession of our property, without asking our consent. If it was the general wish of the chh. to join the Methodists, we should not have objected; & we had been requested to concede the occupancy of the property, while the new connection [illegible], I think the Third Cong'l would have [illegible], or will do it. That the transaction, as reported by you, has an unpleasant appearance. Still, I doubt whether we shall do any thing to right matters. Indeed I am not sure that there is any such thing as righting them. Very truly

S. S. [illegible]

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 18 1865

Rev. W. Willey
Fort Gibson. — Dear Bro.

This A.M. our Acting Treas. has rec'd a letter from Dr. Hitchcock containing your order on Mr. Gordon for $50. What you did not explain in yours of July 8 we now understand.

It is not in accordance with our rules to pay such bills. Nor was it in accordance with them to pay the order in favor of Miss Smith, or make grants for the support of Mary. But we were willing to make these exceptions. We now make another, & pay this bill, as it was incurred for Mrs. W. whose purity we cherish & honor. I hope that you will [illegible] of the 16th so that we can close our matters by July. [illegible]

Mis. House, Bad River
Sept. 2d 1865

Asaph Whittlesey Esq.
Bayfield, Wis. Dear Sir.

I am greatly obliged to you for your favor of Aug. 31st. in which you stated your views so frankly and in perpetuating our little Mission at Odanah.

My thoughts have been running in the same direction as your own. I have been coming to the conclusion that it is not expedient to continue our labors in behalf of the Ojibwas; though we have not formally announced the opinion, nor, indeed, have we formally adopted it. I expect to meet Mr. Wheeler at Chicago in a month hence, for the purpose of consulting, together, whether it is best for us to prosecute our efforts at Odanah.

I had thought of offering him a large share in our property at Odanah, in case he should leave our service; but I have not mentioned the thought to any one. And I will thank you to regard this letter as confidential. I would rather state my thoughts to him personally, (than have him hear of them through others.) I have great respect for both Mr. & Mrs. W. & I should like to see them comfortably provided for.

But what shall be done with the boarding school? Of course we shall not wish to continue that. It has cost us too much already, far more than we expected. The Govt annulled the contract some time since; & though Mrs W. has met a considerable sum since, the burden upon our treasury is too heavy. If you have any wisdom for this question, I shall be much obliged to you for it.

I shall be at home till I leave for Chicago, Sept. 26. Then my address will be "Care of Rev. S. J. Humphrey, Tomlinson Building" I should like to know your views before I see Mr Wheeler.

Very respectfully
Yours
S. B. Treat

Sept. 2. 1865.

Rev. Leonard H. Wheeler
Odanah, Wis. Dear Bro.

Yours report, Aug. 1, came to hand Aug. 28. I hope to see you [illegible] the [illegible] the plans & [illegible], but I hope [illegible] know that the [illegible] you before [illegible] (though [illegible]) [illegible] from Bayfield dated Aug. 24. I [illegible] chimney, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

I have been doubting for some time whether we ought to keep up the [illegible] mission. The expense is very [illegible], the fruit is very small. [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible], for [illegible] economy. I [illegible] you have worked, & said, very hard, to keep [illegible] how much you have [illegible] [illegible] still the fact remains. [illegible] of your control, the cost of the mission is very [illegible] for the fruit — you know how little we can mention. One [illegible] admitted to the Chh.

in 6 years!! The boarding school has done a good work of its kind; but it has not yielded much spiritual fruit. I do not attach any great value to such an institution, if the pupils do not become Christians. Mere education does an Indian very little good. I wish to obtain your best judgment on this point, as it is one of [illegible] the missionary force!

Should we not see any fruit of such efforts, what shall we do with the property? What shall be done with the boarding school? Will the Govt. take the buildings & carry on the school?

You will need help from us. Suppose you take part of the [illegible]. Suppose we do too much, even? Please do think of these things, & be ready to talk with me, when we meet.

Kindest regards to Mrs. W.

Very fraternally yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept. 8, 1865.

J. W. Sanders Esq
Edinburgh:

Dear Sir

The health of Mr. Wright having materially improved, he has prepared the report which I am happy to enclose.

I have had a conference with him, & am glad to find that there is so much to encourage us in our efforts in behalf of the Senecas. The Cattaraugus field is the brightest spot among the Indians within the bounds of the United States.

Very respectfully
Yrs
S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House Boston
Sept. 25. 1865

Miss Abigail Peck
Tuscarora. Dear Miss Peck.

Yours of the 20th I have rec'd with a letter & vote from the Baptists. I have no letter from the Methodists; hence I do not feel that the time has come for us to do any thing. Besides, we have no time to consider such a question, in the [illegible] of our preparation for the annual meeting.

I confess that I do not see that the Baptists are [illegible] much of a case. They want the parish to introduce a church, & so prepare the way for what has come. On the other hand, if the [illegible] be are left, & those Methodism, I think it was a better case. If it did not, there is no case for any body. [illegible] [illegible] we shall wait for more light. Very truly &c S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept. 27. 1865

Miss E. J. Hancock
Quincy. Ill.

Dear Miss H.

Yours of the 22d I have just rec'd. I have no doubt that you will receive notice of a place in Chicago, assigned for your accommodation. They send out notices first to the more distant applicants, & last to those who are nearer. There was not time for you to get your notice, Sept. 22.

Hoping to see you at the meeting, & praying that the Lord may be with us all, I am very truly yours,

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Oct. 26. 1865

Miss C. S. Hancock,
Quincy. Dear Miss H.

Yours of the 30th ult. came to the Miss. House a number of days before my return from Chicago; & I have since been very busy, attending missionary meetings &c.

In regard to the plan which you propose, I have two things to say: (1) we do not contemplate resuming our work among the Cherokees; so that any scheme for reaching them through a school would be outside of our endeavors; (2) we cannot properly engage in labors for the freedmen. Other organizations have this matter in charge; & they would object that our charter did not make any provision for such efforts.

I am sorry that I am obliged to make this reply. But simplicity of operations is a very important point with us. We cannot do the greatest amount of good possible for us, without a strict adherence to it. Very truly yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

Nov. 1. 1865

Rev. S. R. Riggs

East Davenport, Iowa. Dear Bro.

Your favor of Oct. 23. with [illegible] I read [illegible] to the Com^ee. [illegible] any saving change in Little Six & Medicine Bottle. Hope the event will show that they are truly born again.

I send herewith our Treas. draft for $60. which the Com^ee voted very cheerfully. I shall be glad to receive your report on the condition of the prisoners at Davenport. May the Spirit of the Lord abide with you & with them also!

[illegible] would [illegible] from the pleasure [illegible] "of your meeting at Chicago" [illegible] "better" [illegible] the meetings before either [illegible] in time. It was in a [illegible] the [illegible]. John A. W. [illegible] made a very good speech; I have frequently heard it spoken of in favorable terms. Very fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Nov 30 1865

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Beloit. Dear Bro.

Yours of Oct. 25. & Nov 3. I rec'd Nov. 8. I was much interested in the funeral, & I do not know whether you are at Davenport or Beloit hence I address you at the latter place.

Mr Cunningham has written to me, expressing a wish to return to the Dakotas. I laid the matter before the Com^ee two days ago. They could not encourage his doing so, this you would approve, I presume.

He also says that he has four in his school (meaning Dakotas, I presume) & asks if the Board will "continue to support the other two." I do not quite understand him. Does he simply mean "Will you support two ~~as~~ heretofore?" or "Will you support two more, or four in all"? But I need not trouble you with a question of interpretation. What I wish to know is Is there a fund worth while for us to pay $25 per year to educate Dakota children in this way? We do not do such a thing in any other case. Respectfully.

Very truly Yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 8 1866.

Rev. H. H. Spalding
Lapwai. My Dear Brother.

Your favor of Oct. 2 was duly read at the last meeting of the Pru. Com^e. I laid its contents before them, & asked what response should be made thereto. The conclusion was that we had better sell out our interest in the property which belongs to us at Lapwai, by giving a quit claim deed; & I was instructed to inform you of their opinion in the premises. We have no time for the prosecution of our claims in any efficient ~~time~~ manner. Our other duties are more important. Hence it is better for us to take less than the actual value of our interest, than fight for it.

You may proceed, therefore, at once, to dispose of our interest at
for $2000. If you cannot get this sum, report what you can.
Lapwai & If you can make such arrangements as that will ensure [illegible] for the benefit of the Nez Perces, we shall like it all the better.

In haste, Very truly, S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 18th 1865.

Mr. Edmund Ellis.
Odanah Wis. per Steamer Lexin

Your question as to your duty &c It is very difficult to reply except in general terms; & even after conferring with the Com^a I am no better able to speak with precision than I was before. I will submit some thoughts, however. If we do not leave the people now, I think that something should be done for Henry Blatchford. I hope he will continue to labor for the good of his people; if he could afford to do this, as he has opportunity, making it a steady aim to save as many as he can, I should be ready to sanction a liberal provision. I wish you & Mr. Wheeler to consider what this should be, & report the same to us. When you have done so we shall be prepared to deal generously with him. I do not know what his plans will be; something will depend upon this point.

P.S. He may conclude to remain at Odanah allowance of $200 for the school for some years.

Should he do so, & will do what he can for the Indians, I should be willing to give nearly all the property. In other words, if all the claims upon the mission can be satisfied, (wages & debts,) & then he can have what govt. money is coming. I should consent that he & Henry take the whole, with the understanding that they continue to do what they can for the Ojibwas. This arrangement would have several advantages: (1) We do not leave the people without the gospel. (2) Mr. W. & Henry do not abandon the field, but labor on. (3) We avoid the heavy expenditure which has come upon us. Such a statement, I think, would satisfy our friends & gratify those who are interested in Mr. Wheeler.

It seems to me this plan is worth considering; & I wish you to confer with Mr. W. on the subject. When you have done so, I trust that you will inform me of the result. Kind regards to Mrs. E. and [illegible]

Very truly yours S. B. Treat

P. S. If Mr. W. remains, perhaps he can secure the allowance of $700 for the school for some years.

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 24, 1865.

Mr. H. D. Cunningham
Minneapolis — Dear Sir:

Yours of the 16th Nov. rec'd. You may have expected a reply earlier; but we did not formally act upon the Dakota appropriations till last Tuesday, owing to Dr. Williamson's tardiness in sending his estimates. However that the Com. decided to make allowances for the support of Dakota children. You may expect to receive $75 for each of two, as last year, i.e. $150 for both. This is the amt. which we allow Dr. Williamson for two.

I have consulted the Com. in regard to your returning to the Yanktons; — from the light which they now have, they cannot feel that it is wise to encourage you to take this step. There is so much uncertainty hanging over the future of the Dakotas, that they do not feel like incurring any considerable expense, just now. Mr. J. P. Williamson will keep his eye on the Yanktons; & we shall expect notice from him, if there is a chance to labor among them with [illegible]. Kind regards to Mrs. C. Very truly &c S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 22 1865

Rev. J. P. Williamson
Crow Creek Agency. — Dear Bro.

Yours of Nov. 13. I have rec'd & the Com^tee have acted upon your estimates. They will appropriate for Mr. Pond with $700, for yourself $800, as also $500 for buildings; with the understanding which you have mentioned in your letter. I hope that the Gov't will come to some definite decision in regard to the Dakotas, so that you may know what you are to do. I certainly sympathize with you in the trials which you are called to endure by reason of your narrow quarters. But the blessing which God bestows upon your labors, is the best possible compensation.

Mr. Cunningham has offered to go to the Dakotas again; but we do not encourage him. We think it is better to do what can be done there by native agency, at least for the present. I am so very busy that I cannot write more at length. Kind regards to Mr. & Mrs. P.

Very fraternally yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 22. 1865

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Beloit. Wis. Dear Bro.

I have your letters of Nov. 25 & Dec. 9. before me. The Comee have voted to allow you $750 during 1866, & also such sums as you may be obliged to expend when away from home. This, I believe, is according to your request.

The Comee have allowed Mr Cunningham $150 for two Dakota children, Mr Renville, $300 for four, & Dr Williamson $150 for two. They also allow Mr Renville at the rate of $33 1/3 a month for the time which he spends in the service of the Board, under the direction of the mission. I suppose you understand that the Dakota mission direct his labors. We never direct the labors of native preachers, &c.

I am so busy that I must stop just here. Kindest regards to Mrs R. & all your family.

Very fraternally
Yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss House Boston
Dec. 23. 1865.

Rev. T. S. Williamson M.D.
St Peter. Min. Dear Bro.

Yours of Dec. 5. Rec^d. The Com^ee acted on the estimates last Tuesday. They have allowed the sums which you requested viz

For your family $550.
travelling expenses (say) 75.
no Dakota children 100.
They also allow Mr Renville for 4 children 300.
" " " Mr Cunningham 2 do 150.
And they allow Mr Renville for services (say) 300.
" " " A native helper (say) 100.

In regard to Mr Renville's services in 1865, you are authorized to pay him what you think equitable. I did not understand that to ask the Com^ee to act upon his salary, when you wrote in July 7. I remembered that there was a previous arrangement in regard to his compensation, which I supposed was in force at that time, & I inferred that the question would come up at the end of 1865 as it does. Still my omission to appreciate your letter need make no difference. Please to pay

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him what you think he ought to receive, as if I had obtained the action of the Com^{ee} in July.

I have informed Mr. Cunningham of the allowance for his children, & I have informed Mr Riggs of the same, as also of the allowance to Mr Renville for the children, & the compensation which he ~~[illegible]~~ is to receive. The estimates of the Fort Thompson station are approved. I hope the Gov^{t} will have some definite plan in regard to the Dakotas, so that we may know what to expect, or what to attempt.

Mr Cunningham has offered to go back to the Yanktons; but we could not encourage the idea. Not that we have resolved to do nothing for these Indians, but that we prefer to leave the matter with your son to do what may seem best, with the help of the Dakotas themselves.

Kindest regards to Mrs W. your sister, & all your family.

Very truly & fraternally

yours

S. B. Treat

P.S. I have omitted to speak of a $400 loan. We shall receive your statement that it is paid as sufficient.

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 15 1866

Rev. H. H. Spalding
Walla Walla W.T. —

Dear Bro.

Yours of Nov. 10. I have just rec'd. The Herald will be sent to you hereafter at Walla Walla.

I wrote to you, Dec. 8, in regard to our interest at Lapwai. As you may not receive the letter, owing to your change of residence, I send a copy herewith.

It is painful to read such a communication as yours of Nov. 15. That our Indian affairs should be managed as they are is a disgrace to the land. I have wished, for years, to have as little to do with the Department of our Gov^t as possible. A change of administration does not effect any radical change.

Very truly yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 24. 1866.

Miss Abigal Peck
Tuscarora —

Dear Miss P.

[illegible] not rec'd sufficient light [illegible] from the Tuscaroras to show [illegible] ought to do with the parsonage. [illegible] from the Baptists & the Methodists; but they did not make the [illegible] of [illegible] to put the property [illegible] If I thought that the Methodists [illegible] & do a permanent & valuable work there, I should be inclined to let them have the house; but I do not [illegible]. They frequently [illegible] & then quit the field, [illegible] but little good. [illegible] going [illegible] It will not [illegible] minister [illegible] if he is a truly good man & [illegible] a faithful witness for the truth, I shall not disturb him. [illegible] our stay with the Indians, [illegible] up the house; unless, indeed, (what I suppose is not to be expected,) they can all become one denomination.

Very truly &c S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 24. 1866.

Miss Abigail Peck
Tuscarora. — Dear Miss P.

I have not recd. sufficient light as yet from the Tuscaroras to show us just what we ought to do with the parsonage. Papers came from the Baptists & the Methodists; but they did not make the path of duty plain for us.

We should be very glad to put the property to the best use. If I thought that the Methodists would remain at Tuscarora, & do a permanent & valuable work there, I should be inclined to let them have the house; but I do not feel sure of this. They frequently begin earnestly & zealously, & then quit the field, after accomplishing but little good.

I should like to hear how matters are going forward among the Tuscaroras. It will not surprise me to hear that the Methodist minister is in the house now. Well, if he is a truly good man, & seems to be a faithful witness for the truth, we shall not disturb him. And I should rather have such an one stay with the Indians, than give up the house; unless, indeed, (what I suppose is not to be expected,) they can all become one denomination.

Very truly yr
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 24. 1866.

Rev. N. H. Pierce
Allegany Res.n

Dear Bro.

Mr. Wright has sent the estimates for your mission, & the Com.ee have sanctioned them, including those for Allegany. I must honestly confess that I do not take a very hopeful view of our work on your Reservation, & that I have my fears that we shall feel constrained to retire, unless there is some change for the better. It is a question whether $1200 a year cannot be better expended in Asia or Africa, than it is among the Allegany Senecas.

But we may see a change in the state of things. The Lord grant that it may be so!

Kind regards to Mrs P. Very truly &c

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 24. 1866.

Rev. A. Wright
Seneca Mission. Dear Bro.

Yours of the 6th I received on the 11th inst. Yesterday I laid your estimates before the Com. At least the first apportionment of the estimates were approved, & the appropriations were made accordingly.

The Com. have also appropriated $200 per annum for Hattie Clark. i.e. $150 for her salary & $3. per week for board. I suppose she will board with you, or at the Asylum, & the $3. will cover the actual cost of the board. They had no hesitation in making the grant, knowing her efficiency, tact, &c.

Every time that we make an appropriation for a thing, the question arises "Is the money expended to the best advantage? In other words, is the field such as to justify the expenditure?" I do not see that we are likely to have any very important results; the future of the Indians is very uncertain. Will the Chhs in Western New York sanction an outlay of $1200, in such circumstances? I confess that I am a little troubled by the question. If I could see in the future, any thing hopeful, I should feel differently; but there is only darkness there.

Are we not to hear good news from Cattaraugus this winter? There has been much expectation of an extending work of grace in our land; but the blessing seems tarrying, though there are drops of showers here & there, some in Boston & vicinity, but more in other places. It would give us great joy to hear that your [illegible] has received an "abundance of rain."

Please to say to dear Mr Cuyler that I recd his letter of Jan. & I will inform Mr Pierce that his estimates are allowed. Kindest regards to Mrs. W. & all with [illegible].

Very fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Mr. Horace Boston Feb. 7th 1866

Dr. Edwin Ellis

Oakland, Miss.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Jan. 1. I duly recd. & have given it considerable thought. Yesterday morning I took the advice of the Comm.

Your impression in regard to the offer which I made to Mr W. & Henry was correct. If we gave all the property to them, on condition of their continuing their services, I did not propose to make any further appropriations. In respect to the points which you raise, I have to say

1. We are willing to make the provision for Henry which you mention: giving "20 to 40 acres of land", & setting apart $2500 (to be secured from sales of property) in the hands of our Treas.— Henry to receive $150 per year as int.— Of course we should need to receive reports from him, occasionally, in respect to his work.

2. I think that the title of the Ch.

had better remain in us. Would it be well to leave a small fund in the Treasᵣ— hands, the interest of which should go for repairs?

3. We are in favor of selling the school lands to the Govᵗ— if we can obtain a reasonable price.

4. We approve of your suggestion as to reserving land &c with the Boarding house. I should like to sell this to the Govᵗ— also. Can we not do it?

5. How much the Comᵗᵉᵉ will allow Mr. Wheeler, on retiring, they are not prepared to say. It is better for him to receive a part of the farm; because we can do better by him in this way, than if we give him money.

I have written this letter, upon the supposition that Mr. W. decides to leave Odanah. If he does, I leave with you the settlement & the carrying out of the measures suggested by you & approved by the Comᵗᵉᵉ— so that the business can be closed, as far as may be. In regard to the allowance to be made Mr W. the Comᵗᵉᵉ will wait to hear from both of you. If he decides to remain, my former proposal stands good.

Very truly &c S. B. Treat

how they could be d Miss. House, Boston
I was in Washington Feb. 7, 1866. I had
Rev. C. Kingsbury to the Com.r of Indian Aff=
Pine Ridge, Chock. Na. treatment of the Choct=
aws, when the rebellion Dear Brother minute
I opposed my Your two letters of
Jan. 4 I have rec'd, & read with great
pleasure. Yesterday I read them both to the
Pru. Com.ee the Chairman, Rev. Stoddard,
told me to give the love of the Com.ee to you,
in the letter which I was to write.

What great changes [illegible] the changes of
the last five years! But we retain our
attachment to the brethren who went out
from us, so many years ago, & are still
laboring for the good of the Choctaws. We
have been in full sympathy with the north,
in our civil war; & yet we have a warm
place for those who have been in very different circumst=
ances, & have, in consequence, seemed to be on
the other side. I have never believed that the
Choctaws of unmixed blood, & those of their own free
will, & by general consent, drawn the sword
against the north; but I could easily see my

how they could be drawn into this position. I was in Washington, in July, 1861. I had an interview with the Com^r of Indian Affairs in regard to the treatment of the Choctaws, when the rebellion should terminate. I expressed my belief that they had not gone into the war, generally, as so many at the South had done; but that they did not well see how to avoid it. Undoubtedly, some of them influential, I had no doubt, were quite ready to side against the north; but I ventured to claim for the masses a better record.

I am glad to receive the news items which you mention. Mrs. K's death was announced in the Herald, (I think,) in 1864. I have a very distinct remembrance of her, especially on that morning when I saw her for the last time, when you left her to attend me on my first day's homeward journey. She has finished her course, & entered, I doubt not, on her rest. May it be our privilege to join her, at the Master's bidding! Please to assure the members of the mission of my unabated interest in their welfare. And say to any Choctaws who remember me, that I shall never cease to long for their highest prosperity ~~welfare~~.

The Lord has dealt very graciously with me during the last five years. My dear wife is spared to me; so my children (3 boys), still live. The youngest was in his 3d year at Andover, when he was invited (last Oct.) to become professor of physiology & physical education in Williams College. Preaching, however, at home or abroad, is to be his life-work. My 2d son is expecting to receive his medical diploma Feb. 24, in New York. I hope he will be a miss'y physician. My eldest son devotes himself to business.

The Board has been carried through the war in a wonderful manner. We have needed more than $500.000 a year, since exchange went up so high; & the Lord has sent it all! Dr Anderson expects to resign his office next Oct. as he will be 70 years old.

Very fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

I send our last Annl. Report & Sermon

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 16. 1866

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Beloit, Wis. — Dear Brother

I have before me your letters of Dec. 16. Jan: 16. (to Dr Anderson) & Jan. 4. I was much interested in the first, as showing how the Christian Dakotas regarded some of their old customs, how they reasoned on moral questions. The letter to Dr. A. will furnish matter for the Herald. Yours of Jan. 4. asking for aid in Isabella's outfit, was attended to at once.

There are many hopeful signs in the state of our chhs. We hear of interesting revivals, & we think that the no. will increase. We at the Miss. House are looking for a blessing upon our Miss. Stations, though we have no marked encouragement. We suppose, however, that the chhs abroad will sympathize with the chhs at home; & if the "abundance of rain" shall come, it will refresh the thirsty, far & near. Kindest regards to Mrs R. & your children.

Fraternally yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 22 1866

Rev. C. Eells
Walla Walla. W. T.

Dear Brother

I am "gathering up" facts, which prove the influence of missions. I shall use them in my public addresses; & some of them may get into "print." I can say nothing at present.

It is said that Oregon was saved to the U. S. by our mission. This is Mr Spalding's opinion, & Mr Atkinson's also. The latter says that Mr Webster was about to negotiate for the surrender of Oregon, with Mr Tyler's approval; that Dr. Whitman urged him not to do it, saying that he would promise to take wagons, women, &c over the mountains on his return, (which had been supposed impossible;) & that Mr. Webster, on receiving this assurance, refused to relinquish our right.

Now I am anxious to arrive at the

the truth in this matter, which will be difficult, perhaps, because of the havoc which death has made among the witnesses. But I suppose that Dr. Whitman *may* have told his brethren what passed between him & Mr. Webster (if not Mr Tyler) & possibly he *may* have told others.

I should like to receive from you a reliable statement of the benefit conferred upon the U. S. by the mission in *other ways*. Mr Spalding says a good deal in this direction; but I do not feel quite sure of his perfect accuracy. Of course, we do not wish to say any thing that can be questioned.

I visit the West every year, & make missy addresses. If it can be shown, that the Oregon mission has done good service in the manner above referred to, it will be an important point, & one which will tell especially among the Western chhs.

Very fraternally yrs
S. B. Treat

P.S. I write to Dr. W. today. S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
March 7, 1866

Rev. J. B. Renville
St. Anthony, Minn. Dear Sir,

Your letter of Feb. 24th was rec'd on the 2d of March. I have read it with great interest. I am sorry that you suffered so much inconvenience from the snow; but the faithful servants of Christ are often obliged to endure hardship; & the Master never forgets any sacrifice which you make for him. May his grace be multiplied to you exceedingly, so that you shall be full of the Holy Ghost & of faith!

I laid your letter before the Prud. Comm^ee yesterday P.M. & they refer the matter of your expenses to Dr. Williamson. Whatever sum he shall deem it wise to allow, he may draw for as soon as he pleases, & place in your hands.

Very fraternally
S. B. Treat

P.S. I write to Dr. W. today.

Miss. House, Boston

March 7. 1866

Rev Thos. S. Williamson M.D.
St. Peter, Minn.

Dear Brother,

Yours of Feb. 15th reached the Miss. House March 1. Next day I rec'd one from Mr. Renville containing a report of his visit to the Coteau, which is quite interesting. He makes a statement in regard to his expenses which I read to the Com.ee yesterday. They thought it best to refer the question of an allowance for his expenses to you. You know the facts perfectly, & can judge what is equitable. [illegible] It is better that native preachers & helpers should feel that their pecuniary relations are with the mission, rather than with us. This is our general rule.

In this case, you can draw at once for such sum as in your judgment ought to be paid to him; hereafter, if the amount due for expenses shall be small, you can settle it with him without consulting us.

The phrase "without a station" was adopted at first as showing the exact truth, not supposing that it would describe the state of things so long a period. Perhaps other words can be substituted in the next Report.

In regard to the amt. which the Board is to expend in circulating the Bible, I ought to say, that (1) our Charter has been altered, so as to allow us to expend more or less, as we please. & (2) the one quarter, of our income has been always understood to mean 1/4 of the income of our permanent funds, not 1/4 of our donations. We have always kept within the Charter, if this interpretation is correct; but we prefer to have the Bible Society do this work, as far as practicable.

We are still straitened for missionaries & are likely to be for years to come. During the first half of the year - Sept 1 to March 1 - we lose $15.000 in our receipts as compared with last year. Kind regards to Mrs W. Miss W. & all with you.

Very fraternally yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Mch 9. 1866.

Miss Abigail Peck
Tuscarora. — Dear Miss P.

Yours of the 5th I ~~have~~ just rec'd. The views which you express accord with my own. I feel no special partiality for either chh — Methodists or Baptists; & so am not disposed to yield our property to either. If all the chh members would unite, & become Presbyt. — Congl. — Methodists or Baptists, I should be willing to surrender our rights.

Is it worth our while, however, to disturb Phillip Printup? Is it worth our while to sell our interest — to any one who will buy? I suppose it would not bring much, & the purchaser might be troubled to oust Printup. I am rather inclined to do nothing — i.e. — not recognize him as a lawful occupant, but do nothing to oust him, & not sell the property. If you can recommend any thing better, please to inform me.

Very sincerely yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
March 9. 1866

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Davenport. Dear Bro.

In my last, I omitted to acknowledge your letter of Jan. 31. which I had perused with care & pleasure. J. B. Renville has made a report of his excursion. He had a "hard time," most unquestionably. He reported his expenses at $56. The Comm^ee referred the matter to Dr. W. to allow what is proper. I told Dr W. to do the same thing hereafter. It is better that the missionaries to adjust such matters; such is our rule with native helpers, preachers, &c.

Yours of March 9. I have just rec'd. The note "anent" Isabella, I think, will be printed some day, perhaps after she has sailed. I am glad to hear of the change of plan in regard to the Dakotas. The Lord grant them better days, in things temporal & things spiritual!

Very fraternally yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
April 2d 1866

Rev. J. P. Williamson
Crow Creek Agency. — Dear Bro.

Your letters of Jan. 29. & March 6. I have duly rec'd. I am glad to hear that you & your associates are well & happy in your work. May the Lord increase the blessing which he is bestowing upon you a hundred fold! I think we fail in missions, as also among our chhs, to secure all that we might have, for lack of faith. We are like the king that would not strike several times. Suppose you urge this point upon your Dakota Christians. Ask them to enlarge their faith greatly, & then act accordingly. It may be that you will see yet greater things than you have yet seen. Kindest regards to all [illegible] Mrs. W. As you will have learned there is a good deal of religious influence among our chhs. Boston is quickened to some extent, but not thoroughly. We we hope that better things are in store for us. And we also hope that the whole country will be blessed, as there is pressing need of it. It is a very pleasant thought that so many of our colleges are enjoying special tokens of the divine favor. We may hope, at some time, to have a larger supply of ministers & missionaries.

Our receipts have fallen off a little from those of last year; but not more than the expenses. If we have no financial embarrassment, we shall probably close the year in favorable circumstances. A money crisis, which is at least possible, would give us a deal of trouble, & fasten a debt upon us. But the Lord has been very gracious to us in past years; & we will trust him still.

Kindest regards to all & Mrs. Pond.

Very fraternally
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S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston.
April 2, 1866.

Rev. L. H. Wheeler.
Odanah.— Dear Bro.

Your letters of Feb. 24th & March 6. with the map, have reached me in due time. I do not understand you to waive the support of your family, provided we will convey to you the land which you specify. Indeed, I suppose that you will have something to say in regard to the personal property, perhaps in a communication which is on the way to the Miss. House. In the circumstances, therefore, I will not bring the land question before the Com^ee., though I may say that I think there will be no difficulty. I do not anticipate any objection on the ground of the quantity.

It occurs to me to add, however, that the 40 acre lot, marked B. will be rather out of the way, & almost beyond reach. If you were to take B. & less as C to go with D, it would be the more natural arrangement; but perhaps I do not understand the whole case. The notch in No 3 (16 acres) is unpleasant to the eye; but

I am not sure that we should raise any question. We shall wish to have the best thing done, all things considered.

I see no objection to Mr. Blatchford's having the 18.41 acres; and if he pleases, if you & Dr Ellis approve, he may consider the matter settled, & regard himself as the owner of the lot. As to the fund which is to yield him $150, will you be able to create that at present, or must we await the sale of the boarding house &c?

I infer from your letter that no action of the Comee is required on other points. You will go forward, I presume, in accordance with the plan which you have mentioned; and we shall see what the future has in store for us. We shall need materials for the Annl Report; especially we shall need to know just what to say in regard to the closing of the mission, and what provision is made for the Ojibwas hereafter &c.

Kindest regards to Mrs W. & your children also to Dr & Mrs Ellis. (I should like [illegible] or Dr E's opinion as to the proper arrangement for you that I may lay it before the Comee.) Very fraternally yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
April 4. 1866

Miss Abigail Peck
Tuscarora — Dear Miss P.

We have had many thoughts in regard to the disposition of the property among the Tuscaroras. It has been our wish to have it used for the benefit of the chh. which has grown out of our labors in their behalf, whether Presbyterian or Congregational; & while this chh exists, we feel very reluctant to have it used for any other purpose. If all the members were to join some other body, the case would be different; but we do not yet relinquish the idea of seeing the old chh revived & enlarged. For this we must wait & pray.

If you are questioned as to our views in regard to this matter, you can make answer in accordance with this letter. If all the Tuscarora Christians could be harmoniously brought into one chh. with the prospect of a living prosperous permanency, we would gladly give them the benefit of the property

very truly &c S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
April 10. 1866

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Beloit. — Dear Bro.

Yours of the 2d I have duly rec.d & this P.M. I have laid it before the Com.ee The matter of your aiding the peace commission as an interpreter, they commit to your wisdom. You know the circumstances better than we do or can; & they have no doubt that you will decide wisely. Go, therefore, or stay, as you think best.

Mr. Williams & Isabella made a very pleasant impression in New York, as I am happy to know. My 2d son hopes to go abroad as a miss.y physician, (say in 1867,) & it is barely possible that he may join the North China mission. If so, he will be happy to know & labor with Isabella. Kindest regards to Mrs. R. & children.

Very fraternally yrs S. B. Treat

Miss: House Boston
May 12. 1866.

Rev. H. H. Spalding
Walla Walla. – Dear Bro:

Your letter of ~~March~~ [illegible] 8 rec^d. I have waited in the hope of hearing from you, after you should have conferred with Mr. Eells in respect to the Lapwai claim. Perhaps you have nothing new to communicate. Hence it seems proper that I should reply at once, especially as I expect to be absent at the most some four weeks.

The Com^ee are ready to release $500 for the claim, & execute a quit claim of all their title thereto, ~~or~~ to the parties whom you name, or others. You are at liberty to close the business, there=fore, on these terms. We do not like to run with footmen, much less with horses, in such matters. I shall rejoice when we are clear of all connection with the Gov^t. Kind regards to Mrs. S. In haste
very truly &
S. B. Treat

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